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Opposition's team INDIA to take on NDA in LS poll

Joint resolution says the new coalition will safeguard the 'idea of India', promises caste census; an 11-member panel will be set up at the next meeting in Mumbai to evolve consensus on key issues

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

The leaders of 26 Opposition political parties from across India have joined hands to form the INDIA coalition – the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance – to take on the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by the BJP, in the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

"This was a very important meeting to save democracy and the Constitution in the interest of the people of the country... With one voice, the leaders of all 26 parties supported the resolution adopted today," said Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, after presiding over the second conclave of Opposition parties in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

Team effort: Sonia Gandhi, second from right, and other leaders at the second day of the joint Opposition meeting in Bengaluru. ANI

In a unanimous joint resolution, the 26 parties pledged to safeguard the "idea of India" as enshrined in the Constitution, to fight the BJP's "poisonous campaign of hate" against minorities, and to stop rising crimes against women, Dalits, Adivasis and Kashmiri Pandits. They added that a caste census should be implemented.

The alliance decided to constitute an 11-member coordination committee to evolve consensus positions on various issues faced by the country under NDA rule. The committee's composition will be finalised at the next Opposition meeting to be held in Mumbai, for which the date will be announced soon, Mr. Kharge said.

The coalition will also set up a common secretariat in New Delhi for campaign management, while separate committees will be formed for specific issues.

Heavyweight attendees

Seven Chief Ministers – Mamata Banerjee (West Bengal), Arvind Kejriwal (Delhi), Bhagwant Mann (Punjab), Hemant Soren (Jharkhand), Siddaramaiah (Karnataka), M.K. Stalin (Tamil Nadu), and Nitish Kumar (Bihar) – attended the meeting.

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Coalitions of 'negativity' never successful, says PM

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the 38-member National Democratic Alliance (NDA) was a "coalition of contributions and not compulsion", with development as it main agenda, drawing a line between the 25-year-old BJP-led alliance and the Opposition alliance INDIA.

He thanked the parties that had gathered here for a meeting for reposing faith in him as leader.

He said coalitions that start with "negativity are never successful", attesting the endurance of the NDA to the fact that it was formed in 1998 with a positive agenda of governance and stability. The meeting passed a unanimous resolution that the NDA would contest the 2024 Lok Sabha election under the leadership of Mr. Modi.

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Celebrating a milestone: Prime Minister Narendra Modi being garlanded before the NDA meeting in New Delhi. PTI

Chirag Paswan announces his return to the NDA fold

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Nearly three years after breaking away from the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), Chirag Paswan, who heads one faction of his late father Ram Vilas Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), announced his formal return to the coalition, and said that his party – the LJP (Ram Vilas) – will be contesting the next Lok Sabha elections in an alliance with the BJP.

He said the decision was taken because the two parties were natural allies.

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Former Kerala CM Oommen Chandy dies in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala's two-time Chief Minister and Congress veteran Oommen Chandy, MLA, 79, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru at 4.25 a.m. on Tuesday., drawing the curtain down on a five-decade-old era in Kerala politics.

The government declared Tuesday as a public holiday and announced a three-day State mourning.

Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi paid their last respects in Bengaluru.

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Student, who was set on fire by relative, succumbs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 19-year-old student, who was set on fire allegedly by his relative following a row over a love affair, succumbed to injuries in Victoria hospital on Tuesday.

According to the police, Shashank, a resident of R.R. Nagar pursuing engineering at a private college, was in a relationship with his relative. The father of the girl, who is the uncle of Shashank, was angry and even warned him many times before.

A few days ago, the girl visited Bengaluru, and Shashank had taken her home. The family of the girl, who came to know about this, went to the house, created a ruckus, and took away the girl.

Agitated with Shashank, the family allegedly abducted him in an SUV and took him to an isolated place where they beat him up, and set him on fire.

Third degree burns

Shashank managed to put out the fire by rolling on the ground, and he called his friends for help. They reached the spot and shifted him to Victoria hospital where he was being treated for third degree burns.

Shashank gave a statement before the police about what happened and named his uncle and others as responsible.

The police have not made any arrests so far, and are investigating to ascertain the facts.

TNA rejects President Ranil's offer of devolution

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) on Tuesday "categorically rejected" Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe's offer to implement the 13th Amendment without police powers, terming his proposal for development and power devolution "another hollow promise".

The 13th Amendment is an over 30-year-old Sri Lankan legislation on the devolution of power from Colombo to the nine provinces but has never been fully implemented.

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As exports dip in the face of global uncertainty, no clear target for FY24

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

With merchandise exports shrinking 15.1% in the first quarter of this year, after racking up a record $450 billion in 2022-23, the government is playing it safe on announcing a target for outbound shipments this year and is likely to opt for a range of scenario-based targets instead.

While the Commerce Ministry has undertaken an internal exercise to set a target for exports in 2023-24 – and has even communicated a number to export promotion councils of different industrial sectors as well as overseas diplomatic missions – there is now a rethink underway, a Ministry official indicated.

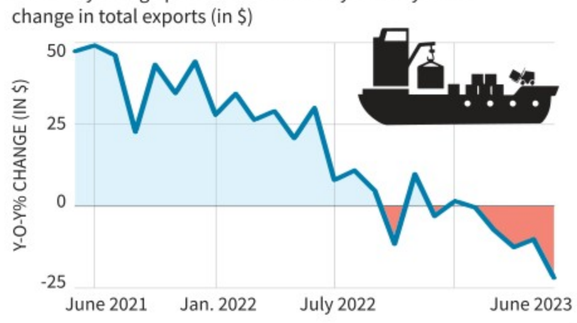
Goods exports had decelerated 12.6% in April and 10.2% in May, but recorded their steepest fall in 37 months this June with a 22% drop. The $32.7 billion export tally for last month was the lowest in absolute terms since October 2022.

While the final June numbers for exported services are still awaited, forex earnings from these intangible exports have also slowed sharply after growing about 28% to $325 billion in 2022-23. As per estimates, services exports have grown just 5.2% to $80 billion, while goods exports stand at a little over $102 billion through the first quarter.

"Our broader target for exports, as per the new Foreign Trade Policy, is to achieve $2 trillion by 2030, with services and goods exports accounting for a trillion dollars each. But the way things are shaping up so far, in line with the World Trade Organisation's forecast of slower global trade growth in 2023, it is perhaps not right for us to set a singular target," the official explained.

Declining exports

Exports in India shrank by 22.03% in June 2023 compared with the year-ago period. A look at the year-on-year % change in total exports (in $)



What went wrong for Djokovic in the final against Alcaraz?

Too many elements combined to throw the 23-time Major winner off-track like the strong wind, the famed backhand deserting him at a crucial juncture, the slew of unforced errors, and the Spaniard rising to the big occasion with his own superior play

Unfamiliar sight: Djokovic, chasing his eighth Wimbledon crown to pull level with Federer, was brought to his knees by a fearless Alcaraz. It was the Serb's first loss on Centre Court in 10 years. AP

WIMBLEDON

Nihit Sachdeva

Novak Djokovic fell one win short of a 24th Major title as he suffered a five-set defeat against Carlos Alcaraz in the Wimbledon final on Sunday.

The defeat also ended the 36-year-old Serbian's 34-match winning streak at The Championships and his bid to clinch a fifth straight and overall, eighth title at the grass Major.

Here is a brief analysis of what went wrong for Djokovic in the four-hour 42-minute long summit clash:

Wind factor

Djokovic is arguably the most complete player in men's tennis. He has a solid serve. He is also capable of neutralising the biggest servers on the tour. However, external variables can disrupt the rhythm of even the best in business.

The summit clash was played with the Centre Court roof open and while the wind was not as strong as per the weather warnings issued by the Met Office, it was enough to affect Djokovic. He took a lot of time between serves, even during the first set which he won 6-1, hoping for the wind to stop. It eventually resulted in chair umpire Fergus Murphy giving him a time violation.

As the wind slowed down a bit, it allowed Djokovic to be back in control of things and take the match to a decider by winning the fourth set.

A typical feature of most of the matches featuring Djokovic is his opponents going for the lines in order to beat his strong defensive game which results in a lot of them making unforced errors (UEs). In the final, Alcaraz made 45 of them.

But it is the number against the Serbian's name which is surprising. Djokovic himself made 40 UEs. In the first six matches, the World No. 2 made a combined total of 118 UEs – an average of roughly one UE per 11 points. That figure came down to one every eight points in the final fixture where the match stats mentioned that Alcaraz had won a total of 168 points to Djokovic's 166.

Second-set tiebreak

After storming through the first set, Djokovic had the opportunity to claim the second in the tiebreak. The Serbian had won his last 15 tie-breaks at Slams and look on course to keep that streak going.

He received a time violation while he was serving at 4-5 but that did not faze him as he won the next two points. With a set-point opportunity on the Spaniard's serve at 6-5, Djokovic made an unforced error – a netted backhand. He repeated the same mistake and ended up facing a set-point himself at 6-7.

To rub salt in his wounds, Alcaraz converted the chance with a backhand return winner down the line.

Later, in his press conference, Djokovic said, "In the tiebreak in the second, the backhands kind of let me down. At set-point, I missed the backhand. A little bit of a bad bounce, but I should not have missed that shot.

"Then 6-6, another backhand from the middle of the court in the net. That's it. The match shifted to his side and I wasn't myself for quite some time."

> In the tiebreak in the second set, the backhands kind of let me down. At set-point, I missed the backhand. A little bit of a bad bounce, but I should not have missed that shot

Alcaraz saves best serves for final

As per atptour.com, Alcaraz upped his average speeds for the first and second serve in the final when compared to his first six matches.

Coming into the final, his fastest average first serve speed was 119.8mph which he achieved during his second-round match against Alexandre Muller. Against Djokovic, he managed to increase the same to 121.3mph.

Djokovic hardly misses capitalising on the second serve of his opponents. Keeping that in mind, the Spaniard, who had the fastest average second serve pace of 101.8mph during his third-round clash against Nicolas Jarry, amped it up to 102.5mph in the summit clash.

He also made 24 body serves as compared to Djokovic's eight, thus forcing the Serbian to defend another area other than the T and wide serves.

Sunday's loss was the first one in 10 years and nine days on Centre Court for the Serb who had made it a habit of eating the hallowed grass as his victory celebration almost as an annual affair.

GAME TIME

Test yourself on some assorted trivia and questions across various sports and games

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
The family house of the Duke of Beaufort in Gloucestershire has given its name to an Olympic sport in which India has produced a World champion. Name the sport and champion.

QUESTION 2
Cota Ramaswami represented India in two sports. One was cricket. Name the other.

QUESTION 3
About whom is Sir Donald Bradman supposed to have remarked "…he scores goals like runs in cricket"?

QUESTION 4
If the height of the tennis net at the posts is 42 inches, what is it at the centre?

QUESTION 5
We all know that Viswanathan Anand was the first Indian Grandmaster in chess. Who was the second?

QUESTION 6
The Pride of the Yankees is a 1942 American film in which Gary Cooper plays an American legend who had passed away the previous year. Name the sportsperson.

QUESTION 7
To which sporting great, known for some memorable sayings, is this one attributed: "If my fans think I can do everything I say I can do, then they're crazier than I am"

QUESTION 8
Coroebus of Elis won the only event in 776 B.C. Olympics, the Games for which we still have written records. In which event did he achieve glory?

QUESTION 9
With which other franchise does Boston Celtics share the record for the most NBA Championships, each having won 17 times?

QUESTION 10
Astronaut Alan Shepard played what sport for the first time on the moon?

QUESTION 11
Sagol Kangjei, a traditional sport played in Manipur, is the genesis for which sport?

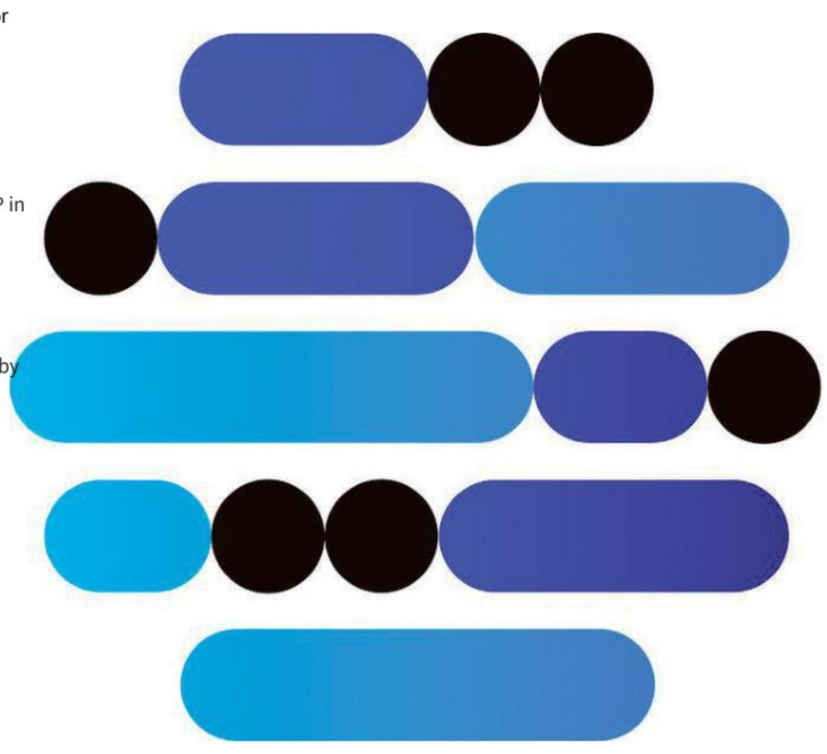
QUESTION 12
Name the rookie driver who was killed during qualifying the day before Ayrton Senna met with his fatal accident at the San Marino GP in 1994.

QUESTION 13
Mulvantrai Himmatlal were the christened first names of which Indian icon more famously known by his nickname?

QUESTION 14
What sporting first was achieved on May 6, 1954 at Oxford?

THE ANSWERS...

1. Badminton and P.V. Sindhu, 2. Tennis, 3. Dhyan Chand, 4. 36 inches, 5. Dibyendu Barua, 5. Lou Gehrig, 6. Muhammad Ali, 8. The 'Stade' or 'Stadion', 9. Minneapolis/ Los Angeles Lakers, 10. Golf, 11. Polo, 12. Roland Ratzenberger, 13. 'Vinoo' Mankad, 14. Sir Roger Bannister ran the first sub four-minute mile, 15. World Aquatics



Question 15: This is the logo of which international sporting body?

Sports nutrition: a healthy insight from Sayali

Kamesh Srinivasan

When you watch a champion like Novak Djokovic, it is only natural that you tend to imitate his style of play if you are a tennis player. However, what you cannot aspire to copy is his nutrition formula, the food habits. It is not just because the 23-time Grand Slam champion has a condition of gluten intolerance. The subject is a lot more complex than what we can imagine in the normal course.

With a Masters degree in Sports Nutrition, Sayali Naik, with tons of experience with professional athletes in her young career, throws a lot of light on the subject.

"I plan the diet of athletes based on their individual goals, weight management, body composition, training plans, on-field challenges, medical conditions, in-season, off-season goals, injury recovery, sport-specific nutrition, supplement requirements etc.," said Sayali who has worked with the Delhi Capitals IPL team, apart from other cricketers, track and field athletes, tennis and football players, powerlifters, swimmers and many more.

"For athletes, it is not just about eating healthy food. Not anymore. It is about eating the right type of food, at the right time, in right amounts, with right combinations, and activity-specific. It is important to eat according to your training load, timings, intensity etc. Every individual athlete has individual goals. So, there is no one size fits all," she explained.

There is a difference in the diet plans prescribed for an athlete, from what he or she eats at home, at the ground and while travelling on match days. Of course, proper hydration, to ensure the right fluid balance in the body also plays a vital role in helping the athletes perform at their best.

Planning the right supplements, the right dosage and timings also comes under the scanner of the nutritionist. Everything that goes into the system, needs to be planned for best results.

Working alongside top stars like Ricky Ponting *(in pic)*, Shane Watson and Ajit Agarkar, has been a rich learning experience for Sayali. "Working with the IPL team was a different experience, especially working with the sports science team and guiding each player during practice sessions and match days. Working on the individual diet needs, planning hotel menus was a challenging and interesting experience", said Sayali.

"Today, we see elite athletes focusing on their fitness as much as they work on their sport skills. They are not only trying to be fit for the sports they pursue, but also try to help themselves to avoid injuries. And when they do get injured, they look to have faster recovery and have that edge in performance in a highly competitive world."

As part of her association with the Reliance Hospital in Mumbai, Sayali also got to work with the high performance centre of Reliance Foundation in Odisha. "It was a great experience on the field, working with the top coaches of India and the United Kingdom," Sayali recalled.

Even though Sayali did not play sports beyond school, Sayali has been a sports fanatic which drove her to follow nutrition as a career and be constantly associated with sports.

"The micronutrients most likely to be low in the diet of female athletes are iron, zinc, folate, vitamin B12, calcium and vitamin D. They do need good bone health, and also energy for sports and general health," she observed.

So, Sayali asserts that female athletes need to pay more attention to their nutrition. "If they overtrain and under-eat, they would face menstrual issues and, of course, performance issues as well," she stressed.

As sports science expands, bringing all the knowledge for the athletes to plan their specific needs, nutrition is no longer a simple subject. Luckily, the increasing number of experts in various roles, like Sayali, makes it that much easier for the athletes to understand their own body and provide it the right fuel, in the right quantity and at the right time!

INBRIEF

Chandrayaan-3 launch: ISRO, DoT laud ITI Limited

ITI Limited has been lauded by the Indian Space Research Organisation and the Department of Telecommunications (Ministry of Communications) for playing a significant role in the successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 (LVM3-M4) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on July 14. The flight vehicle of this mission had on board 55 packages manufactured by ITI Limited. India's third moon mission, Chandrayaan-3, had a perfect launch onboard a Mark-3 (LVM-3) rocket, ITI said in a release.

Shaik Lathif assumes charge as Registrar of BU

The newly appointed Registrar of Bangalore University, Shaik Lathif, took charge on Tuesday, in the presence of Vice-Chancellor Jayakara S.M., according to a press release.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated July 19, we have an interview with scholar, historian and cultural activist Dr. G.N. Devy where he talks about issues like the fallacy of 'One Nation One Language', the polarizing nature of the Uniform Civil Code, and the fast demise of languages.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (July 19, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- The India-UAE deal to trade with local currencies **bit.ly/uaeindiadeal**

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BMTC to induct 921 non-AC electric buses soon; transport corporations to add 3,888 new buses to their fleet

According to BMTC officials, under the tender by Convergence Energy Services Ltd., Tata Motors will supply, operate, and maintain the 12-metre electric buses for 12 years. Company likely to send its first prototype e-bus next week

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) will induct 921 non-AC electric buses from Tata Motors soon, as it is witnessing a resurgence in daily ridership after implementation of the Shakti scheme, which offers free bus travel for women.

According to BMTC officials, Tata Motors, a commercial vehicle manufacturer, will lease 921 electric buses under the FAME-2 scheme. In August 2022, Tata Motors had won an order of 921 electric buses from BMTC. Under the tender by Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL), Tata Motors will supply, operate, and maintain the 12-metre electric buses for a period of 12 years, as per the contract.

A senior BMTC official said that Tata Motors will likely send its first prototype e-bus next week. "As per the contract, Tata Motors would supply, operate and maintain these low-floor 12-metre electric buses for a period of 12 years. All the 921 electric buses will be inducted to the BMTC's fleet in a phased manner. Already we have planned allocation of these buses to various depots and the work on the charging stations and other infrastructure to run these buses are going on," a BMTC official told *The Hindu*.

The electric buses will be inducted into the BMTC's fleet in phases. FILE PHOTO

Demand for more buses

Meanwhile, following public demand to procure more buses to successfully implement the Shakti scheme, State-run road transport corporations that operate the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation, the BMTC, the NWKRTC, and the KKRTC plan to procure more new buses this year.

At present, the four RTCs operate 23,989 buses across Karnataka with an average run of 65.02 lakh kilometres per day.

Apart from this, the State government has decided to add more buses in all four RTCs. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy informed the legislative Council in response to a question on shortage of buses that the government has approved adding 3,888 new buses to all RTCs fleet.

According to a reply by Mr. Reddy, KSRTC will induct 620 buses by taking loans from commercial banks and to induct 300 electric buses under Gross Cost Contract (GCC).

Apart from inducting 921 electric buses, Mr. Reddy stated that the BMTC will purchase 840 BS-6 compliant buses through loans. "Under the State Urban Transport Fund (SUTF) sanctioned fund of ₹19.13 crore, the BMTC will induct 20 mini buses and under National Clean Air Programme(NCAP) which has funded ₹15.00 crore will be utilized to induct 100 electric buses under GCC," he stated.

NWKRTC will buy 286 new buses through loans, while the KKRTC will buy 802 new buses by using funds provided by Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB), bank loans and by KKRTC internal sources.

Induction of new buses

KSRTC
620 buses through loans
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BMTC
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840 BS-6 compliant buses through loans
20 mini buses through State Urban Transport Fund
100 E-buses under GCC model using funds from National Clean Air Programme

Four RTCs to add 3,888 new buses

KKRTC
802 new buses by using funds provided by Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board, bank loans and by KKRTC internal sources

Source: Transport Department

Son bludgeons elderly parents to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An elderly couple were bludgeoned to death allegedly by their younger son at their house in Byatarayanapura on Tuesday.

The deceased have been identified as Shantha, 60, and her husband Bhaskar, 62, living with their two sons since the last two decades.

According to the police, the couple hailed from Mangaluru. Shantha worked in ITI and recently retired, while Bhaskar used to work as a cashier in a canteen. While their elder son was working in a private firm, the younger one and the suspect in the case, identified as Sharath, 26, was unemployed and alcoholic. Probe revealed that Sharath used to have frequent fights with his parents and harass them.

The murder came to light when the elder son tried to reach his parents from workplace but despite repeated attempts, there was no response. He later called his neighbour to check on them. The neighbours went to the house to find the duo lying in a pool of blood and Sharath missing.

The Kodigehalli police rushed to the spot and conducted a detailed probe, while efforts are on to track down the accused, who is said to be on the run.

Civic body to regularise illegal OFCs after levying a heavy penalty

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The civic body has taken up a survey of optic fibre cables (OFCs) to determine the illegally laid ones. Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath told reporters on Tuesday that Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar had directed the civic body to regularise the illegal OFCs after levying a hefty penalty.

"The survey report will be ready in a week," he said. Instructions have been given to officers not to allow the digging up of newly laid roads. FIR will be registered against the violators, he said.

Whitefield Rising had lodged a complaint with the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Whitefield), demanding an FIR against CEOs of telecom service providers (TSPs) for laying OFCs illegally and in a way that poses a threat to public safety.

Sources said the move to regularise illegal OFCs after levying a penalty is also aimed at mobilising revenues for the BBMP. FILE PHOTO

Meanwhile, the move to regularise illegal OFCs after levying a penalty is also aimed at mobilising revenues for the civic body, sources said. But, an earlier similar attempt had not produced the desired result.

In February 2015, the civic body signed MoUs with 14 TSPs and 17 non-TSPs over laying OFCs.

N.R. Ramesh, former BJP councillor, who spearheaded the MoU initiative with TSPs in 2015, said, "Companies were given a one-time opportunity to declare unauthorised OFCs, which led to TSPs declaring nearly 1,200 km of unauthorisedly laid OFCs. A survey had indicated over 67,000 km of cables in the city, of which the ones across 6,440 km were authorised. The city is now estimated to have over 97,500 km long underground ducts, which can hold three cables each. It is high time the civic body gets its due share of the revenue."

Doctor in the dock for accepting bribe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Lokayukta officials on Tuesday, trapped a gynaecologist working in Yelahanka General hospital, for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of ₹11,000 from the family of a patient to perform a caesarean procedure.

Based on a tip-off, a team of officials raided the hospital and caught Waheed, a ward boy, red-handed while he was accepting the bribe of behalf of the doctor, Dr. Ramachandra, who was out by the time they reached. However, the officials confirmed his involvement and submitted a report to the Lokayukta. Based on the report, a case against Dr. Ramachandra has been booked charging him under Prevention of Corruption Act and efforts are on track down the doctor who is presently on the run.

The Lokayukta is going to intimate the Health Department about the incident seeking strict action against the doctor, officials said.

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Homemaker duped by cyber fraudsters

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 47-year-old homemaker, who tried to sell food through an online food aggregator, was cheated by cyber fraudsters, who made away with ₹21,045 on Saturday.

The victim, Sunita Jain, a resident of R.R. Nagar, wanted to register on an aggregator platform to sell food she prepares. While searching for the details, an unidentified person, introducing himself as a customer care executive, asked her to pay ₹10 towards registration through credit or debit card. When Ms. Jain said she does not use any of them, the caller offered to help and asked her to download an app and pay ₹10 through UPI. As soon as she paid the fee, a sum of ₹21,045 was deducted from her account. She tried to call the number, but it was unreachable. Realising that she has been cheated, Ms. Jain filed a complaint with the police who have taken up the case, charging the accused under the IT Act. The police are now trying to track down the accused.

Guard arrested for peddling drugs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Sanjaynagar police on Sunday, arrested a 48-year-old security guard of a private firm and recovered 1,140 grams of marijuana from him.

Based on a tip-off, a team raided a place near Patelappa layout bus stop and caught Sheikh Ali, a resident of VIdyaranyapura.

The team recovered a bag containing 1140 grams of marijuana and cash ₹1,500 from him.

Procured from contacts

Ali told the police personnel that he sourced the drugs from his contacts on the outskirts of Chittoor and sold it to his customers for a price, which according to the police, is 1:10 ration of purchase and sale margin.

The accused has been booked under the NDPS Act and efforts are on to track down his network.

SC Collegium recommends names of four advocates as HC judges

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Collegium on Tuesday recommended the name of advocate Kurubarahalli Venkataramareddy Aravind as a judge of the Karnataka High Court.

The Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, also proposed the name of advocate Manjusha Ajay Deshpande for appointment as a judge of the Bombay High Court, and advocates N. Senthilkumar and G. Arul Murugan for appointment as judges of the Madras High Court.

Regarding Mr. Aravind, the Collegium said, "The candidate has a standing of nearly 23 years at the Bar. He has appeared before the High Court as standing counsel for various departments of the State government. He has appeared in cases resulting in 567 reported judgments.

"This, coupled with his average professional income is an indicator of his experience. There is a considerable amount of tax litigation before the Karnataka High Court. There is a need for specialised judges having domain experience in this branch of law," it said.

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU BENCH, AT BENGALURU
[ORIGINAL JURISDICTION]
COMPANY PETITION (CAA) NO. 26/BB/2023
IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013;
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 230 TO 232 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF DRISHTI-SOFT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
(A private limited Company having CIN U729000KA2003PTC156767 and registered office at 351, 3rd and 4th Floor, Salarpuria Tower-1, Hosur Road, Near Forum Mall, Kormangala, 7th Block, Bengaluru-560095)
WITH
EXOTEL TECHCOM PRIVATE LIMITED
(a private limited Company having CIN U729000KA2011PTC059065 and registered office at No-22, 2nd Floor, Commercial Building, Kensington Terrace, Kensington Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru – 560008)
AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE OF THE HEARING OF THE SECOND MOTION PETITION CP (CAA) 26/BB/2023

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an Order dated 6TH July, 2023, received on 17-07-2023, passed by the Bengaluru Bench of theHonorableNational Company Law Tribunal at Bengaluru("the Tribunal"), final hearing on CP (CAA) 26/BB/2023 will be held on 09-08-2023 for approval of the Scheme of amalgamation of Drishti-soft Solutions Private Limited (Applicant Company No. 1 / Transferor Company)withExotelTechcom Private Limited (Applicant Company No. 2 / Transferee Company) and their respective shareholders and creditors.

Any person who is desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send notice of his intention, with his name and address, to the Applicant Companies' Advocate at Advocate Amrita Jain, 204A, Mittal Tower, 6 MG Road, Bengaluru – 560001, not later than 2 days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of Affidavit, shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same, on request.

Sd/- For DRISHTI-SOFT SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED and EXOTEL TECHCOM PRIVATE LIMITED
Date: 19-07-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public hereby notified that my client **Sri. G.N. Prakash Son of Late G.N. Narayanaswamy,** Aged about 71 years, Residing at No. 849,18th Main Road, Gokula, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Bengaluru- 560 054 is the absolute owner and is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Property mentioned below in the Schedule. He has lost/misplaced the Original Sale Deed dated 19-03-1981 executed by **Sri. M.R. Srinivasamurthy** in favour of **Sri. G.N. Ranganatha,** registered as Doc No.6222/80-81 in Book-I, Volume No.451 at Pages 57 to 59, in the office of the Sub-registrar, Rajajinagar pertaining to the Schedule Property. In this connection, an E-Complaint has also been lodged on 18-07-2023 vide Lost Report No. 0646886/2023. I hereby call upon the General public if anyone is in custody or possession of the same or otherwise found the above said document, kindly handover to undersigned immediately/within **7 days** and they may be suitably awarded and also I further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the Schedule Property on the basis of the above said original document, it shall not be binding on my client and the same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal and Civil Law.

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Software engineer found dead

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 30-year-old software engineer allegedly ended her life due to alleged harassment by her husband, at her house in Jogupalya in Halasuru, on July 17.

The deceased, Divya, was found dead in her house. Parents of the deceased told police that harassment led her to take the extreme step.

According to the police, Divya was married to Aravind, also a techie, 11 years ago. The couple have two children.

On July 17 evening, Aravind called his in-laws to inform that Divya had locked the room from inside, and was not responding.

The in-laws rushed to the house, and found Divya dead.

Based on their complaint, police registered a case against Aravind.

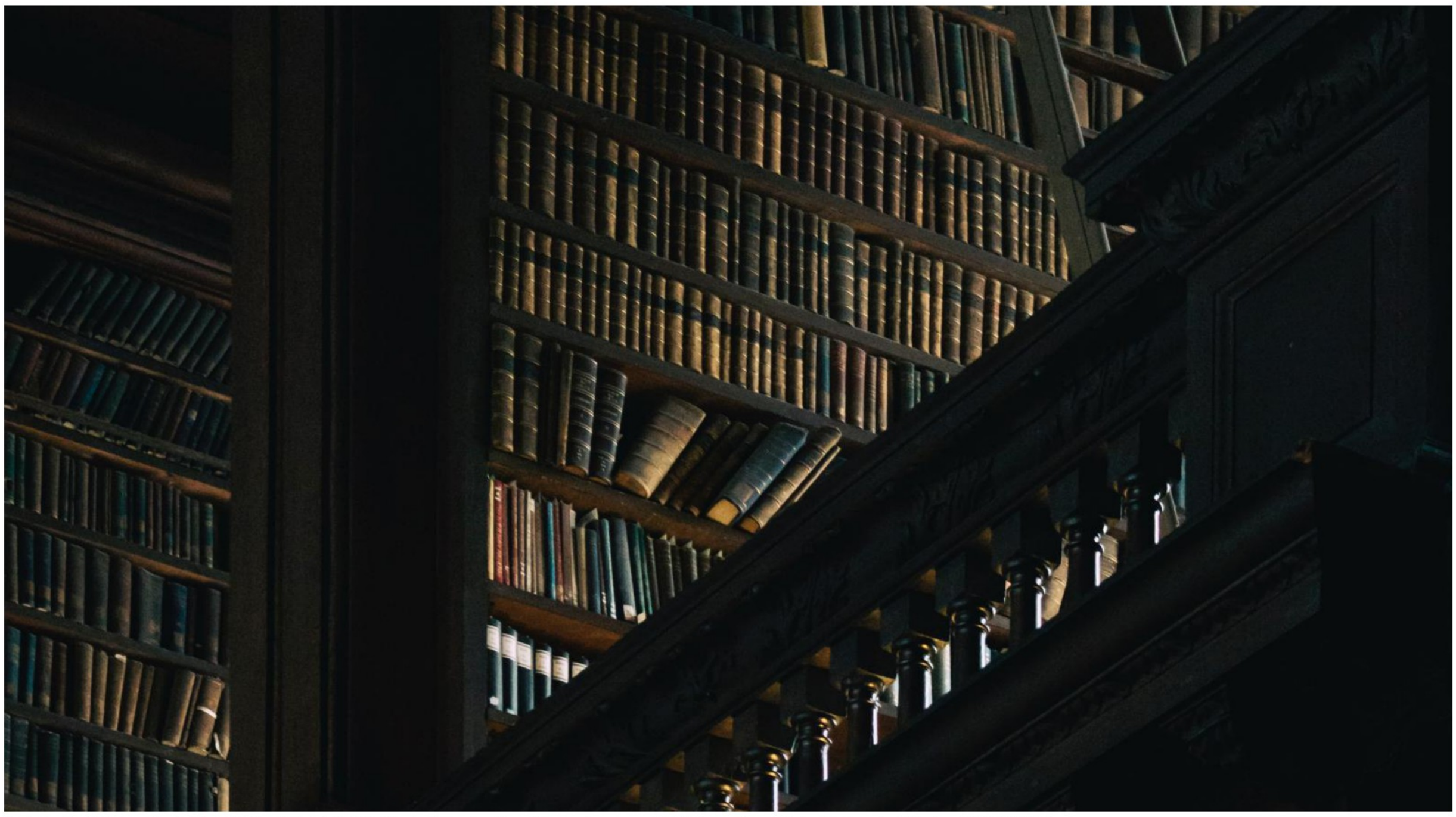
(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph: 104 for help)

Battery stolen from traffic signal pole

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A battery attached to the traffic signal pole at Ramamurthynagar was stolen on Sunday. The incident came to light when Babu Y., traffic constable, came to the spot and found that signal lights were not working. He checked the junction box which was opened and the battery missing.

Mr. Babu informed his seniors before complaining it to the police. The cost of the battery is estimated to be around ₹5,000. A case of theft has been filed.



'Pay to read' restricts access to scientific material, particularly in the Global South, where universities, colleges, and even research institutes are often unable to afford the subscription fees. HENRY BE/UNSPLASH

For scientists, academic publishing has become a double-edged sword

Open-access journals charge authors APCs, diverting funds from research. India's 'One Nation, One Subscription' plan could also increase the monopoly of commercial publishers. India could set up an 'open publishing' repository, inviting global participation and paving the way away from numerical metrics of research accomplishment

Karishma Kaushik

As India restructures its science governance, with the recently approved National Research Foundation, the national scientific enterprise can be a leading voice for accessible, equitable, and fiscally responsible research-publishing.

Communicating research is an integral part of the scientific endeavour. It advances scientific understanding and bridges science and society. One important way in which this happens in academic settings is through scholarly journals, which publish scientific papers.

What is academic publishing?

Academic publishing starts with a scientist submitting a new set of findings to a journal. The journal assesses the manuscript by sending it out to experts for their comments, also known as 'peer review'; the experts offer these comments on a voluntary basis.

The journal passes them on to the researchers, who may modify their manuscript accordingly.

The whole process takes a few weeks to several months. After the journal accepts a manuscript for publication, it is featured on the journal's website and/or is printed as a physical paper.

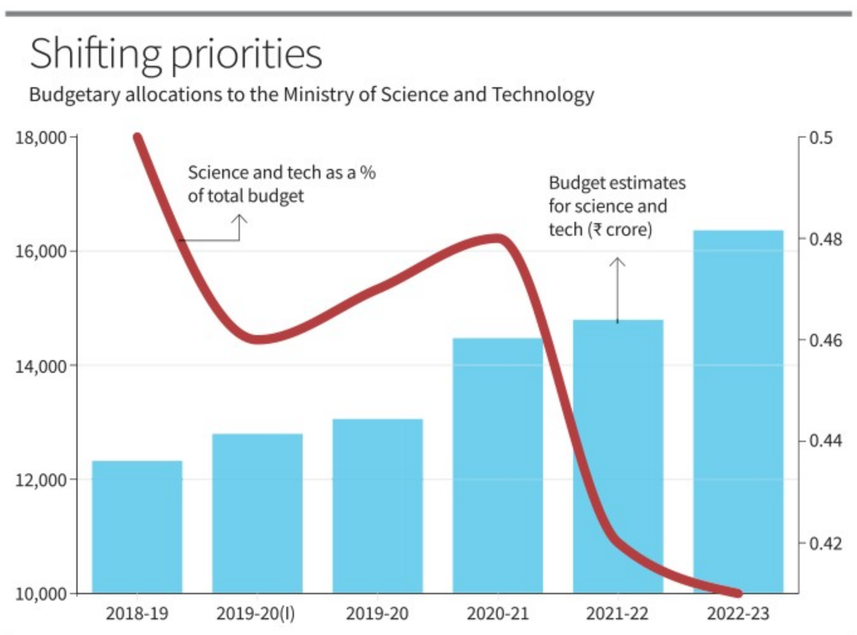
The process of academic publishing is designed to ensure scientists' studies are rigorous even as it makes validated research accessible to the wider community.

What is 'pay to read'?

A scientist's research papers are relevant to their career advancement. University and institute ranking schemes also take note of the numerical metrics related to one's publications: the number of papers, the number of citations, the impact factor, the *h*-index, etc.

Driven by the academic demand for publications, academic publishing has emerged as a flourishing business. Commercial academic publishing is led by for-profit companies based mostly in the U.S. and Europe. In their traditional subscription model, libraries and institutes pay a fee to access published research.

This *'pay to read'* paradigm restricts access to scientific material, particularly in the Global South, where universities, colleges, and even research institutes are often unable to afford the subscription fees.



What is 'pay to publish'?

A subset of commercial publishers have adopted the open-access model, which ensures anyone can access published material. The green and diamond open-access models support self-archiving and no-cost publication, respectively, but few journals offer these options.

The gold open-access model, which allows immediate and long-term access to published work, and has been adopted by leading publishing companies, is the focus of this article.

Gold open-access journals charge the authors of the papers a fee called the 'article processing charge' (APC) to make the work freely available online. In this *'pay to publish'* paradigm, publishing companies receive scientific manuscripts and conduct peer-review at no cost, while charging the scientific enterprise a digital publication fee.

What is the problem?

Academic publishing is today a lucrative industry, with a worldwide revenue of $19 billion and wide profit margins, of up to 40%. The problem is that these are profits made from public money, funnelled into a few companies, while academic scientific research is considered, as a whole, to be a not-for-profit endeavour In the U.S. and Europe, an initiative called Plan S requires research funded by public grants to be published in open-access journals, and the APCs are paid through allocations in grants to scientists or from the funds for institute libraries.

In India, scientific research is largely funded by government grants, with scientists across the country publishing more than 200,000 articles a year. While cost-based publishing models have flourished and the number of scientific articles from India in open-access journals has increased rapidly, India decided against adopting Plan S in 2019.

What does gold OA mean for India?

Open-access publishing, driven by companies and initiatives in the Global North, is a zero-sum game for scientists and the people at large in India.

For one, the costs imposed by gold open-access worsen the financial health of research in India. In 2023-2024, the Ministry of Science & Technology, which funds a large chunk of research in India, announced an allocation of Rs 16,361 crore for its three research-supporting departments - a 15% jump from the previous year

However, across the last five years, the allocations to the Ministry of Science & Technology have seen modest hikes (8-10% between 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, and 3-4% between 2021-2022), along with cuts in allocation (4% across 2021-2022 and 2022-2023). This together with pandemic-related changes in expenditure priorities and steady inflation has meant that India's expenditure on research has stagnated.

This is further reflected in India's Gross Expenditure in Research and Development (or GERD), which has stayed close to 0.66% of the GDP for several years - versus more than 3% for the U.S. and 2% for the E.U.

In a June 22 tweet, the Department of Science and Technology hiked the emoluments for India's research scholars, the backbone of the country's scientific enterprise. Now, a senior PhD scholar is eligible to receive up to Rs 5 lakh a year to cover tuition, boarding, and living expenses (setting aside concerns about the disbursal being delayed by months or, in some cases, years).

But contrast this with the cost of publishing an open-access paper with *Nature Neuroscience*, which charges an APC of Rs 10 lakh.

The Journal of Neuroscience is less expensive, charging Rs 5 lakh; other journals, such as *Molecular Biology of the Cell* and *eLife*, charge Rs 2.5-3 lakh.

So the current dominant publishing model, together with differences in research funding vis-a-vis the Global North, means scientists in India face twin challenges: doing cutting-edge research with fewer funds while diverting funds that could be used for research or human resources to ensure their papers are being seen by their peers in other countries.

Is there a cost workaround?

For another, commercial research publishing also presents a moral problem. The costs of supporting open-access publishing are supported by public funds and prop up publishing companies' profits. This is antithetical to the premise of the scientific endeavour, to make humankind as a whole more knowledgeable.

For India, this means its citizens will have to pay to ensure access to scientific material for everyone - or contend with having large swathes of taxpayer-funded research inaccessible to them.

Journals of prestige often levy higher APCs than others, but even with country-based fee reductions, they do little to close the perceived 'excellence' gap between research that happens in the U.S. and Europe and that happening elsewhere.

Researchers seeking fee-waivers - to which some such journals say they are entitled - have also reported being embarrassed when having to provide evidence of lack of funds, and requests for waivers are also subject to a vetting process.

For these reasons, scientists are looking for a radical new way forward.

Could India show the way?

With the significant number of scientific papers published from India every year, the country's efforts to rethink academic publishing in line with the latter's purpose, as much as the country's strengths, could lead the world's way. Previous approaches at rethinking academic publishing have included encouraging the country's scientists to publish in journals from India with relatively affordable open-access models. However, their limited readership and presence across the international scientific enterprise has meant few takers.

Another approach that the government is considering is the 'One Nation, One Subscription' programme. Its scheme will make scholarly publications accessible to higher education and research institutions in India at a fixed cost, but in doing so, it could increase the monopoly of commercial publishers.

A third possibility is making the shift from open-access publishing to *open* publishing. For example, India, via its newly minted National Research Foundation, could set up a freely accessible and high-quality online repository - where scientists could feature versions of manuscripts and engage with reviews from experts as well as the people at large.

This repository could host independent experts' comments and recommendations, as well as author responses, and be managed or facilitated for quality and visibility by a team of professionals. Researchers could respond and/or revise their findings over subsequent versions of the manuscript. Their work could be collectively and continuously questioned and evaluated by the scientific enterprise and citizens in India, both for immediate professional goals and larger national outcomes.

Executed well, this model could invite global participation, and pave the way away from numerical metrics of academic research evaluation.

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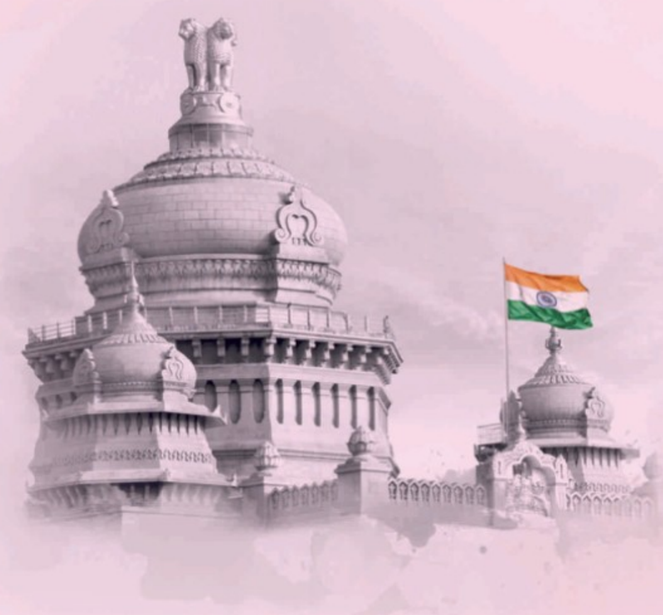

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‘In four decades about 280 languages have disappeared’

The deterioration of languages is a process which began with print and industrial capitalism, says historian G.N. Devy

INTERVIEW

G.N. Devy

Shilpa Elizabeth
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Scholar, historian and cultural activist Dr. G.N. Devy has extensively worked with the Denotified and Nomadic Tribes and Adivasis, and initiated the People’s Linguistic Survey of India in 2010. A Padma Shri recipient, he was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award (1993) for his book ‘After Amnesia.’ In 2015 he returned the Akademi Award protesting the growing attempts to stifle freedom of expression, democracy and secularism in India. ‘The Indians -Histories of a Civilization’ edited by Dr. Devy, Tony Joseph and Ravi Korisettar was released on 18 July.

Excerpts from an interview:

Our leaders have been pushing for ‘one language one nation’ from time to time. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also made a renewed pitch for a uniform civil code (UCC) recently. As multiple such attempts are made under the pretext of ‘unifying’ the nation, the People’s Linguistic Survey of India (PLSI) acquires new relevance. Will there be another PLSI?

Be it UCC or ‘One Nation One Language,’ all those have two clear intentions. One is to use language, identity and the idea of law or civil code as polarizing tools. The second is the idea of citizenship which is rooted in a faulty understanding of history.

To correct this is a big challenge. People will have to understand that these identity issues - be it linguistic, religious or ethnic identities - don’t matter in relation to livelihood, development, education or healthcare. In Karnataka, we saw that a lot of polarization was attempted, but people saw through it. One cannot hope to counter such attempts only through intellectual initiatives or popular movements. They need to be countered by people who are the main stakeholders in the being of a nation and its citizens.

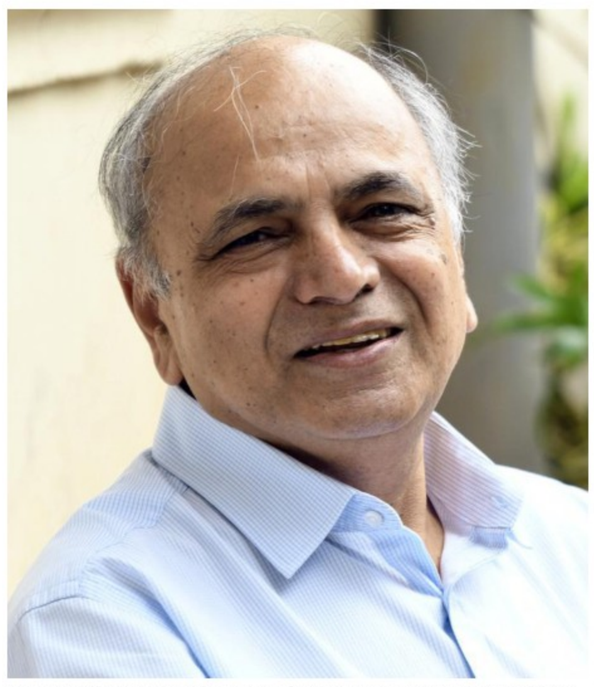
The repeat of PLSI is a very good goal. But the question is how practical it would be. I started working towards it in my early 30s. Now I’m in my mid-70s. So, somebody from the next generation has to take it forward.

When I started thinking of the People’s Survey, the issues were relatively less challenging. There was an arbitrary imposition by the state that only those languages spoken by more than 10,000 people would be recognised as languages. That had knocked out a number of languages from the government list. But those languages were still around. My team started gathering information and we found 780 living languages.

But today the situation has changed and become far more serious. From 1971 to 2021, about 280 languages have disappeared. There are five reasons for it.

One is that interstate migration has increased a lot more. That means steady location, fixed language and the possibility of schooling for children in the mother tongue are becoming dimmer now. So, the vulnerability of languages has exponentially increased.

Secondly, the unlimited use of artificial memory has impacted the human desire to engage with natural languages. If out of the 140 Crore population of Indians, 125 or 115 Crore already have mobile phones with them, the question is no longer restricted to schooling or mother tongues being taught to children. It has gone beyond that.



In Karnataka, we saw that a lot of polarisation was attempted, but people saw through it, says Dr. Devy .

The third reason is even larger. Globally biodiversity is depleting at a very high rate. Curiously enough, throughout the entire history of languages, biodiversity has had a very intimate direct and proportional relationship to natural languages.

The fourth reason is somewhat less visible but very severe. On the coasts of India, marine rights have been sold by the government to big corporates. The fishing communities or communities dependent on sea farming have been displaced. Due to this, the coastal communities in India have migrated inland and they have lost their languages. The number of these communities has not been counted accurately in the last census, but it is significantly large and this particular phenomenon will result in the death of at least 50-60 languages.

Surekha (academic, former professor at MS University of Baroda, and wife of Dr. Devy) and I have seen a coastal community named Kharwa in in southern Gujarat. They used to get together once a year. Men and women found their partners there and got married. Every year for eight days they used to camp together. That convention has disappeared. Kharwas no longer speak Kharwa. They have become a diaspora.

The fifth reason is even more invisible. Neurologists say the human brain has developed a language fatigue and is very rapidly shifting to visual signals rather than oral signals.

These five things are recent developments. Therefore, if somebody wants to do another linguistic survey the parameters will have to be different. The PLSI, however, has inspired other movements in places like Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, and North Bengal where new language associations have been formed and new journals have come up. So, people will take it forward.

The deterioration of languages is a process which began with print and industrial capitalism, and in the times of corporate control over governments, the situation has become even worse. And if microchip becomes the central point for international relations, then natural language will become a universal tragedy.

Do you think there is chest-thumping around the cultural richness of India by certain parties, but a refusal by the same to acknowledge the cultural and linguistic diversity of the country?

They see culture in a predefined and deterministic framework, and not as an ever-evolving and liberating force. So here culture is not the problem, but their misunderstanding of it is.

Think about Rabindra Sangeet. Tagore was inspired by Kabir’s *dohe* and translated them into English. Using Kabir, church music, Brahmo Samaj, and Upanishads, he created a new liberating cultural movement - the Rabindra Sangeet of Bengal.

Another example is Narayana Guru. He was rooted in tradition but was open to receiving ideas from fellow Jews, Muslims and Christians, and that helped him to inspire so many ordinary people in the community to transcend their own limits. That is what culture ought to do.

What are your thoughts on the stark divide between those who consider English language skills as a sign of intellectual superiority and those who shun the West entirely?

There are two types of distortion of realities our history suffers from. One maintains that everything that is in the West is superior to what we have. The second believes everything that is in the past is superior to what we have in the present in India. Both are not based on reality.

Can you talk about your work currently as the Obaid Siddiqi chair?

I initiated a discussion on what is science to us in India, and what are we doing with it. How are we doing our science education? Why is it that despite having over 1,000 universities and about 2,000 colleges where science is taught, students are not clearly aware of what scientific temper is? If they are aware, how do they tolerate so much circulation of myth, fiction, and propaganda? Those are the questions I raised.

We are bringing outstanding scientists from all over the country together to carry on this conversation, and later will produce a documentary which will in detail outline the ideal relationship between science and society, and science and the idea of a nation.

Science does not understand nation; It is universal. Science has to be useful nationally and meaningful globally. So how to maintain that balance? That is the question I’m raising. In about a year’s time, the treatise will be ready, and we will have several Nobel prize-winning scientists contributing to it. We will bring it out for India. It is my commitment to the country.

Sanchaya turns 35 and hopes to remain young forever

The troupe’s directorial repertoire includes prominent theatre artists such as C.G. Krishnamurthy and R. Nagesh.

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Today, Sanchaya has a repertoire of close to 50 plays such as *Kamaroopigal* and *Tempest*

Started in 1988, Sanchaya is the dream child of G.S. Rama Rao, also known as GSR, a teacher at MES High School, Jayanagar. Begun as a small theatre club, the team is now one of Kannada’s prominent amateur theatre troupes. It completed 35 years on Tuesday.

Sanchaya, which translates to ‘Coming together’, was envisioned by GSR to use art and culture to mould personalities. The troupe started out by putting together plays by the then students and now long-term members of the troupe. The team was intended to be a melting pot of drama, literature, and other creative forms which has now turned into a creative platform for hundreds of artists from across Karnataka.

Sanchaya’s very first play *Vallabhapuriya Dantakathe* set the beginning for a journey that is in its 35th year now. Many plays followed, and with it, the transformation of the troupe from a student-centered group to a professionally managed theatre team. Today Sanchaya has a repertoire of close to 50 plays like *Kamaroopigal, Tempest, Tadroopi, Kododilla Bidodilla, Parahita Pashana, Sahayadri Kanda, Bara, Prathibhimbagalu,* and *Dodappa* .

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Talking to *The Hindu*, Keerthi Bhanu, the General Secretary of Sanchaya, said, “Since it’s inception, Sanchaya has seen a bunch of youngsters who have worked for the team with dedication. We hope to continue to cater to young artistes in the coming days. The troupe has been very sincere and passionate about theatre, and does not just want to entertain but be the voice of society.”

Into new areas

“We have now started branching into various forms of theatre, like conducting talks, discussions and workshops for business management schools and others.”

“As we complete 35 years, we plan to do a new production, which is under discussion,” Mr. Bhanu added.

How nearly 1,500 languages disappeared from Census data in ten years

Multilingualism and language diversity started receding from the government records in the 1970s, says literary scholar and historian G.N. Devy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

When the 1961 Census of India was completed, data showed that 1,652 mother tongues were spoken in India. Ten years later, in 1971, the next census took place. This time, circumstances had changed.

The Bangladesh Liberation War broke out in 1971. The uprising by Bangladeshi nationalists to attain independence and self-determination was also a war of two languages - Urdu and Bangla.

(Known as East Pakistan until then, Bangladesh was separated from West Pakistan geographically and located about 1,600 km away. The region comprised a majority of Bengali Muslims who were infuriated by attempts of suppression from West Pakistan including efforts to erase Bangla from administrative, political, cultural and educational spaces.)

This got the Indian government nervous about displaying the country’s language diversity.

Subsequently, a condition was introduced that a language would be recognised in the census only if more than 10,000 people spoke it. As a result, the 1971 census had only 109 languages.

That was one of the fascinating excerpts from history that G.N. Devy, renowned literary scholar and historian, presented before the audience on the second day of Obaid Siddiqi Lectures by the Archives at NCBS.

The three-part lecture by Dr. Devy, who is the recipient of the second Obaid Siddiqui Chair in the History and Culture of Science at the Archives at NCBS, looked at ‘India as a linguistic civilization.’

“Multilingualism and language diversity started receding from the government records in the 1970s. In 10 years between 1961 and 1971, about 1,500 languages were knocked out from the data, and today when you look at the government data, they recognise only 122 languages. Out of those, 22 are scheduled languages,” said Dr. Devy.

Our Constitution truly reflects the multilingual spirit and history of our country, says G.N. Devy.

The multilingual spirit

Dr. Devy, who established the People’s Linguistic Survey of India and founded the Adivasi Academy and Bhasha Research Centre, also pointed out that it was nations such as Italy and Germany that advocated for one language one nation that ended up as fascist nations in the middle of the 20th century.

“Those who fought for India’s independence were inspired by the idea of non-monolingual nations... And so, when India became independent and the constitution was to be drafted, all the constituent assembly debates except one saw the question of language coming up,” he said.

When the Constitution was prepared finally, it had 14 scheduled languages. “Our Constitution truly reflects the multilingual spirit and history of our country. And therefore, it is one of the greatest constitutions...India is a union of states and this union of states was allowed to manifest itself in terms of linguistic states,” he pointed out.

The shrinking diversity

According to Dr. Devy, while 1,369 mother tongues were identified during the last census, they were all compressed into 122 ‘boxes,’ resulting in some ‘very ridiculous social engineering.’

He pointed out how Bhojpuri was put under ‘Hindi’ despite it being the fastest-growing language claimed as the mother tongue by around five crore people.

“The most comical was the case of Pawri, a language partly spoken in Maharashtra and partly in Madhya Pradesh. They showed Pawri as part of Hindi. I ran a magazine in Pawri for many years, and I know that Pawri speakers do not understand Hindi. Pawri and Hindi are not mutually easily intelligible,” he added.

Headed to zone of silence?

During the lecture, Dr. Devy observed that the ability of humans to perceive the world through visual symbols like emojis is increasing. For future humans who may be looking at colonising other planets, the voice that the air on Earth carries may prove to be an insufficient medium to communicate.

Therefore, perhaps, digits which are not ruled by earthbound physical laws could be rapidly replacing voice-based speech, Dr. Devy said.

“We are moving into another order of silence which won’t be human, which perhaps will be the silence that homo deus understand...Language diversity in India explicitly presents to us a possibility of society, life and culture which could generate a critique of new scientific technological vigour.”

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 20, 1973

Mysore Govt. Faces Financial Trouble

Bangalore, July 19: The Mysore Government has found itself in a tight position financially owing mainly to the strain of massive scarcity relief operations on the one hand and the Centre’s delay in releasing its agreed assistance.

The state of the State’s finances is highlighted by the air-dash to Delhi yesterday by the Finance Minister Mr. M. Y. Ghorpade, and the Commissioner for Finance, Mr. T. R. Satischandran.

The Chief Minister, Mr. D. Devaraj Urs, gave an alarming picture of the State’s finances to his Cabinet here to-day and later told pressmen that the Government would be forced to initiate drastic economy measures and cuts in expenditure to tide over the situation. The Central Government itself, he said, had been insisting on the States going in for severe economy measures.

Mysore Dasara Unlikely This Year

Bangalore, July 19: The Dasara festivities in Mysore this year are likely to be dropped in view of the tight financial position faced by the State Government.

A hint to this effect was given here to-day by the Chief Minister, Mr. Devraj Urs, who told pressmen that the Government was seriously considering stopping the Dasara festivities.

The Government spends normally about Rs. 25 lakhs on the elaborate festivities spread over ten days in Mysore City.

(The issue dated July 19 is not available.)

Ecologists, conservationists express serious concerns over Forest Conservation Amendment Bill

As the devastating impacts of climate change and environmental degradation become clearer, this is the time for the government to reaffirm its commitment to protecting the country's immense biodiversity, says a petition signed by representatives of premier institutions

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

A collective of 420 people that includes ecologists, conservationists and students, have written to Bhupendra Yadav, Union Cabinet Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, expressing serious concerns regarding the Forest Conservation Amendment Bill, 2023 that has recently passed through the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC).

The petition has been signed by representatives of premier institutions from across India and abroad, such as National Institute of Advanced Studies, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, Indian Institute of Science, National Centre for Biological Sciences, National University of Singapore and Trinity College, Dublin.

Referring to data in the public domain that shows that only 21% of India's land area has forests, and only 12.37% of this is intact natural forest, the petition says while the Forest Survey of India has shown a marginal increase in forest cover of 2261 sq.km during the last two years, it has been proven by domain experts that this hides a pattern of deforestation in some parts of the country. For instance, the most biodiversity-rich part of the country, the north-eastern hill States, show a net decline of 3199 sq.km of forest cover from 2009-2019. Further, field surveys show that much of even this marginal increase in forest cover can be ascribed to commercial plantations, forest fragments and urban parks, that in no way can replace the ecological functions performed by intact natural forest.

Natural ecosystems play a key role in buffering against unpredictable weather patterns caused by climate change. The recent floods in the Western Himalayas have shown that areas heavily disturbed and fragmented by infrastructure development experienced the most destruction of property. FILE PHOTO

"Given this already fragile state of India's forests, we have serious concerns regarding the Forest Conservation Amendment Bill, 2023. In fact, one could argue that this is not just an amendment but an entirely new Act."

"The new section adds confusion regarding the classification of forests in the country, stating that the FCA will only apply to areas recorded as forest in government records, as on or after 25 October, 1980. This has raised legitimate fears that the amendment will invalidate the Supreme Court's 1996 judgment in T.N. Godavarman vs Union of India in which the court interpreted the meaning of forest as its dictionary definition, expanding the purview of the FCA," says the petition, adding that if these areas are declassified, it will mean that thousands of square kilometre of forests will lose protection overnight.

The Forest Survey of India's latest report, India State of Forest Report 2021, states that while 5,16,630 sq km of the forests are within Recorded Forest Areas, 1,97,159 sq km of forests lie outside Recorded Forest Areas. This implies that out of a total of 7,13,789 sq km of forests of India identified by FSI, 1,97,159 sq km of forests (27.62% of our forests) will lose all protection, they have explained, citing the example of the Aravalli forests. The petitioners have also singled out the exemptions for projects near border areas and for security purposes, as well as for zoos, safari parks and ecotourism activities, arguing that the amendment will remove the necessity of forest clearances for security-related infrastructure within 100 km of international borders – areas which are home to the most ecologically important ecosystems in the country, including the forests of North East India, the high altitude deserts of Ladakh and Spiti, the alpine forests of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, and the open scrub and desert ecosystems of West India.

CONCERNS

- Reclassification of forest areas
- Exemptions for projects near border areas and for security purposes
- Exemptions for zoos, safari parks and ecotourism activities
- Riding roughshod on people

Climate change

"While ensuring the military security of the country is a priority, it should not come at the cost of losing our ecological security. These natural ecosystems play a crucial role in buffering against increasingly unpredictable weather patterns caused by climate change. The recent floods in the Western Himalayas have shown that areas heavily disturbed and fragmented by infrastructure development have experienced the most destruction of property due to landslides," the petitioners have said.

Highlighting the difference between a zoo or safari park and a forest, and emphasising that a a zoo can be a place for ex-situ conservation or education but can never be a replacement for a forest, they have also said eco-tourism, though an important ancillary activity to generate employment, tourism will overtake nature with clearances. "Exempting such a large number of projects from the clearance process will mean that forest dwelling people will no longer be consulted....It is likely that this proposed amendment to FCA will ride roughshod over the rights of forest-dwelling tribals and other people. Many of the proposed amendments in the Bill adversely affect the protection accorded to Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers because if the land falls outside the scope of the FCA, it effectively eliminates the requirement of obtaining consent from the Gram Sabha for diversion of that land," says the petition.

Urging the government to not be tabled in Parliament without additional consultations with domain experts and seeking an extension of time for submitting objections to the JPC, the petition says as the devastating impacts of climate change and environmental degradation become clearer, highlighted in the recent floods across north India, this is the time for the government to reaffirm its commitment to protecting the country's immense biodiversity.

Japan's Marubeni Corporation plans investment of ₹10,800 cr. in Kolar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Marubeni Corporation, a Japanese conglomerate, is likely to invest ₹10,800 crore to set up a high-tech industrial park on a patch of 720 acres of land at Bavanahalli near Vemagal in Kolar district. There will be an initial investment of ₹2,800 crore and a foreign direct investment of ₹8,000 crore

Once ready, the project would add $2 billion to the economy of Karnataka and would also create 40,000 jobs. Representatives of Marubeni Corporation, comprising Shirozono Kazuaki, Dy. General Manager, Marubeni Corporation, Yoshida Takayuki, General Manager, Marubeni India Pvt. Ltd, and Toyoda Takafumi, Project Manager - Next Generation Industrial Park, Marubeni Corporation, presented their project to Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil here on Tuesday.

Mr. Patil said the government was eager to take the project forward, and related decisions would be taken after convening a high-level meeting.

Marubeni Corporation already has high-tech industrial parks in countries such as China, Thailand, and the Philippines and is currently in the process of exploring similar investments in Indonesia, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

Tokyo-based Marubeni Corporation and its subsidiaries have exposure to a wide spectrum of industries, including lifestyle, IT solutions, food, agribusiness, forest products, chemicals, metals and mineral resources, energy, power, infrastructure project, aerospace and shipping, finance, leasing and real estate business, construction, industrial machinery and mobility.

Stone Valley resort built on encroached land in Sakleshpur seized

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

The Forest Department officials seized a popular resort in Sakleshpur taluk on Tuesday and recovered the forest land that the resort owners allegedly encroached upon. The Stone Valley resort was allegedly built encroaching upon 14 acres and 36 guntas of Moorukannu Gudda forest at Achchanahalli in Sakleshpur taluk.

A team of officials led by S.P. Mahadev, ACF of Sakleshpur, and S.L. Shilpa, RFO, conducted the seizure operations as per the directions of Deputy Conservator of Forests Ashish Reddy. The staff of the department from Hassan, Belur, Yeslur, Sakleshpur, and Arkalgud ranges were involved in the seizure.

Subhash Stephen and three others of his family allegedly encroached upon the land, which has been declared a forest under Section 4 of the Indian Forest Act, and built the resort. Following a complaint by previous Sakleshpur RFO Raghavendra Agase, DCF of Forest Vigilance Squad N. Ravindra Kumar conducted the hearing and issued an eviction order on July 26, 2022. Now, almost a year later, the officials have acted upon the order.

The Hindu had recently reported on encroachments in the region which is a fallout of a dispute between the Forest and Revenue departments over the status of the 7,938-acre forest. The accused encroached on nine acres and 36 guntas in Survey Number 92 of Achchanahalli, three acres in Survey Number 148, and another two acres in Survey Number 148/2. They had built cottages, a kitchen, swimming pool, play area, and a house on the encroached land. The parents of the accused who were staying in the housewere asked to vacate the place

"The land was declared forest in 1920. It is a pristine Shola forest. We have taken the land back into our custody. The next step is to demolish the structures that have come up in the forest. We will go by the law," she said. The Forest Department is expected to take similar action against the resorts that have come up on forest land in Sakleshpur taluk.

Water adalat tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold water adalat on Thursday from 9.30 a.m to 11 a.m in various parts of the city to settle issues related to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection and other related problems.

Kuteera Jyothi, Amrutha Jyothi beneficiaries to get 53 and 75 units of free power, respectively

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Beneficiaries of Kuteera Jyothi scheme will, henceforth, get 53 units and additional 10% power free every month while those availing Amrutha Jyothi scheme will get 75 units and additional 10% power free, under the Gruha Jyothi scheme, the Karnataka government has announced.

Before the Gruha Jyothi scheme was announced by the Congress government in Karnataka, households covered under Kuteera Jyothi had been receiving 40 units of free electricity every month and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC and ST) families were receiving 75 units free under Amrutha Jyothi scheme, via the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system. Announcement of the Gruha Jyothi scheme, under which domestic households that consume less than 200 units of power will get a zero bill, led to confusion.

Upon a request from electricity supply companies (escoms) to clear the confusion around implementation of the government's flagship Gruha Jyothi scheme, an order was issued recently.

According to the new order, Kuteera Jyothi beneficiaries will henceforth receive 53 units of free power, which is the average domestic consumption of Karnataka, and an additional 10% units will be free. Those availing Amrutha Jyothi scheme will get 75 units free, and additional 10% units free.

The government had ordered that the Gruha Jyothi scheme will come into effect on July 1. Registration for the scheme began on June 18. Until July 16. A total of 1,13,24,564 consumers had registered for the scheme across Karnataka.

While there have been no rejections or document verifications at the registration stage, the applicants will know if they will be covered under the scheme only after their electricity bill arrives in August.

Although these limits have been fixed, officials of the Energy Department said that even if these units are crossed, the consumers would still be able to get free power up to 200 units, directly under the Gruha Jyothi scheme.

"These are the households, which typically consume within 40 or 75 units, and hence these limits have been announced. But if, for instance, they consume 100 units one month, then they can still avail of the benefit under regular Gruha Jyothi scheme," said Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy department.

Timings
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RISE	07:10	SET 20:14
THURSDAY, JUL. 20		
RISE	06:02	SET 18:50
RISE	07:59	SET 20:53
FRIDAY, JUL. 21		
RISE	06:03	SET 18:49
RISE	08:46	SET 21:29

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Tumakuru	32	24
Mysuru	31	22
Bengaluru	29	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain or thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C The weather will be slight warm but humid. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower at few places.

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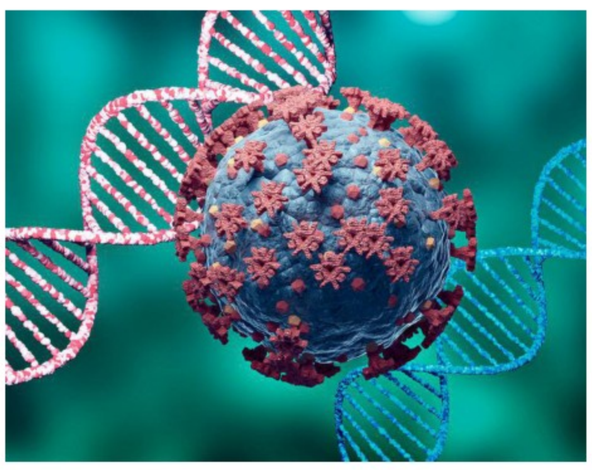
New study by IISc and collaborators says picolinic acid can block viruses causing SARS-CoV-2 and influenza A

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A new study by researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) and collaborators has revealed that picolinic acid, a natural compound produced by mammalian cells, can block several viruses, including those responsible for SARS-CoV-2 and influenza A.

Published in Cell Reports Medicine, the study describes the compound's remarkable ability to disrupt the entry of enveloped viruses into the host's cell and prevent infection. Picolinic acid is known to help in the absorption of zinc and other trace elements from our gut, but, in its natural form, it stays inside the body only for a short duration, and is usually excreted out quickly. In recent years, scientists have begun noticing that it may also exhibit anti-viral activity.



The study describes the compound's remarkable ability to disrupt the entry of enveloped viruses into the host's cell and prevent infection

A few years ago, the IISc. team began investigating endocytosis, a cellular process often co-opted by viruses and bacteria to enter our cells. The researchers stumbled upon picolinic acid, and realised that the compound could slow down viral entry into host cells. Therefore, they decided to test its anti-viral potential.

"Coincidentally, the covid pandemic emerged during the study. So, we extended our research to examine its impact on SARS-CoV-2, and found it to be even more potent in this context," said corresponding author Shashank Tripathi, Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology (MCB), as well as the Centre for Infectious Diseases Research (CIDR), IISc.

Enveloped viruses

Notably, picolinic acid displayed a preference for blocking enveloped viruses. In addition to the usual protein coat found in all viruses, these enveloped viruses also have an extra outer membrane made of lipids derived from the host. This envelope is crucial for virus entry into its target cell. Incidentally, a majority of human viruses with high prevalence and pandemic potential are enveloped viruses.

During their entry into host cells, the virus envelope and the host cell membrane fuse, creating a pore through which the virus's genetic material enters the host cell, and starts replicating.

Effect

The researchers found that picolinic acid specifically blocks this fusion, which explains its effectiveness against a variety of enveloped viruses, including flaviviruses like the Zika virus and the Japanese encephalitis virus. The compound did not have much effect on non-enveloped viruses, like rotavirus and coxsackievirus.

When the compound was tested in SARS-CoV-2 and influenza animal models, it was found to protect the animals from infection. It was also found to reduce viral load in the lungs when given to infected animals. In addition, the researchers found that picolinic acid led to an increase in the number of immune cells in the animals.

The team hopes to develop the compound into a broad-spectrum therapeutic that can help fight a variety of viral diseases.

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Bengaluru pub owners brace for impact as alcohol prices rise

With a 20% hike in Indian-made liquor, increased beer prices and rising inflationary pressures, concerns are mounting about the sustainability of pub businesses

Swathi Nair

Bengaluru, renowned as the pub capital of India, is facing a new obstacle as the state government announces its annual increase in the additional excise duty on alcohol.

Effective from August 1, the excise duty on Indian-made liquor (IML) will surge by 20% on all slabs, while beer will experience a hike from 175% to 185%. However, this year's increase poses a significant challenge for the pub industry, amplified by other concurrent price rises impacting the sector.

Nita Kapoor, Chief Executive Officer of the International Spirits and Wines Association of India, emphasises the gravity of the 20% hike, asserting that Karnataka will become the most expensive state for spirits in the country. This raises a pertinent question: can Bengaluru maintain its esteemed title as the pub capital while grappling with the consistent price surge across various sectors, including milk, gas, tomatoes, and alcohol? Will struggling businesses be able to withstand the mounting inflationary pressures?

Anirudh Kheny, managing partner at Daysie, M G Road, emphasises the collective impact of rising prices across various sectors, creating difficulties for businesses to adapt. He remarks, "The consistent rise in prices, poses a significant challenge for the pub industry to keep pace with the changing economic landscape."

However, Robin Lazar, general manager of Gawky Goose, recognises the annual nature of the excise duty hike and remains unfazed, stating, "There's nothing alarming about it. The price rise is an anticipated occurrence."

Karthik G, general manager of Babylonia, expressed concerns about the price rise, particularly for newly opened restro-bars. He explains, "As a newly opened establishment, we lack the discounts and favours that larger pubs receive from alcohol vendors. Therefore, this price rise is challenging for us. We must find creative ways to adjust pricing without significantly impacting our menu prices."

Ankitha Aravindan, owner of Backstreet Brewery, Sarjapur Road, acknowledges the substantial impact of this year's increase. She states, "As an industry, we expected the annual hike, but the magnitude of this year's increase has caught us off guard. It will indeed be difficult to navigate through these challenging times. However, a moderate rise in beer prices might make it a popular choice on our menu."

Vinay Chandrashekhar, partner at Long Boat Brewing Co, agrees with Ankitha and highlights the advantage of microbreweries in the face of price hikes. He affirms, "As microbreweries, we already pay taxes to the government directly, and since we produce our own beer without involving third parties, the menu prices will reflect only a marginal increase, such as a potential rise of ₹5 for our beers. This encourages customers to return for a value-for-money experience."

Against odds Despite challenges restauranters remain upbeat (file photo for representative purpose). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Pub owners are waiting for official circulars or notifications from the Karnataka State Bar Council to determine when they should adjust alcohol prices. Vinay notes, "We still don't have clear communication regarding the timing of the price change."

Goutham P K, Founder of Stone Street by BHIVE and Casa Piccosa, explains, "The liquor prices won't increase immediately; we are closely monitoring how liquor brands adjust their pricing in response to the new budget. However, this year's significant increase will present challenges."

Hari Sukumar, assistant vice president of operations at Hotel Royal Orchid Bangalore, acknowledges the annual price increase and its impact on the industry. He states, "We are carefully assessing the impact on our pub's pricing strategy. While we understand the necessity of adjustments, we strive to strike a balance that is fair to both our customers and our business."

However, Kheny is sure the pub culture is unlikely to change drastically. "The industry has experienced multiple increases in input costs and weathered the storm. Clear communication with customers about the reasons behind the higher prices is key. It would be unreasonable to assume that people would stop going out due to the price rise."

Hari concurs, stating, "The drinking culture in Bengaluru thrives on the strong social aspect of unwinding and celebrating together. I believe the price rise will not deter this aspect."

As Bengaluru's pub industry confronts the compounding effects of mounting price hikes, pub owners are committed to finding innovative solutions to sustain their businesses. Reevaluating pricing strategies, optimising costs, and enhancing customer experiences are crucial for retaining a loyal customer base.

Annual price hike amid economic challenges

20% hike on Indian-made liquor and increased beer prices raise concerns for Bengaluru pub businesses

Karnataka set to become the most expensive state for spirits, warns International Spirits and Wines Association of India

Pub industry grapples with rising prices across sectors including **milk, gas, tomatoes, and alcohol**

EATING OUT

A sense of familiarity SOCIAL's newest outlet in Hebbal. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Fusion food and fun drinks at SOCIAL's latest outpost

Simran Ahuja

It is hard to miss Hebbal's latest watering hole. With neon red lights announcing its name, Hebbal SOCIAL catches your eye instantly. And if you have been a resident of Bengaluru for the past few years, chances are, you are already familiar with one or more of the six other outposts in the city.

Since its first branch on Church Street in 2014, SOCIAL has come a long way in the city. Some would even say they have grown up with it. The college kids who once grimaced through their first taste of beer there now hang out in the same bar and relive those memories over happy hours with their colleagues.

The latest outlet offers the techies, hustlers and inhabitants of the northern locales in *namma ooru*, an adda to hang out in their side of town. The interiors and vibe pay homage to this part of the city and its commercial persona, making use of raw materials such as steel and concrete in exposed form.

The grunge aesthetic gives it a laidback look and it is no surprise that when we head there on a weekday, the place is already buzzing.

The space is expansive, offering multiple seating options, including mini staircases that lead to private booths on a level above. Scanning the menu shows a few crowd favourites from the other Social outlets – Chinese *bhel*, chilli *paneer*, baida *roti*, pita baos, and more.

The Hebbal outlet, however, also presents a new special section – Local Heroes. A glocal mix, these offerings are a treat both to veteran Bengalureans, and those new to the city. We sampled the ghee roast *masala paneer*, *nati* style chicken and threesome mushroom.

Each dish was cooked and spiced beautifully, pairing well with the drinks on hand.

If gin is your poison, do not miss out on trying the go coconuts, a citrusy, tropical drink that combines gin with pineapple and coconut. One sip and you almost imagine yourself to be amid sun, surf and sea!

Seafood lovers can also try the Squid 65 to elevate this experience. The dish we felt lacked punch, however, was the naked fish fry, where a fresher catch of the day might have added more zing.

Such is the allure of the place and their drinks that some of these cocktails have remained signatures.

The night is young and the desserts make you feel younger. Our favourite is Ramesh & Suresh, a sinfully rich dessert, best recommended if you have a group to split it with. Brownie points to the steel dabba it comes served in.

It is a comforting dish, especially seeing a chocolate bar from years ago being the star of a dessert. Just like seeing your college *adda* in a new avatar!

Diversity, the leitmotif of T.M. Krishna's concert

Deepa Ganesh

Carnatic music is certainly about upholding the music of the great gurus, uncovering hidden treasures, expanding the repertoire and more. Listening to Carnatic vocalist T.M. Krishna, the saying, 'fire is the test of gold', comes to mind. For Krishna, art has to also be a social instrument.

'Sangamam', a concert by T.M. Krishna, organised by Shibulal Family Philanthropic Initiatives (SFPI) at St. Johns auditorium in Bengaluru last weekend drew a full house. Setting the tone for the concert, Krishna said, "It is in a moment of vulnerability that you embrace. Hence, an embrace is not about accepting the other, but it is about you making that crossover."

The concert, as the musician mentioned, went on to include "diverse languages, cultures, faiths, and people".

Transcending boundaries T.M. Krishna with Akkarai Sornalatha (violin), Praveen Sparsh (mridangam) and N. Guruprasad (ghatam) at 'Sangamam' held in Bengaluru recently. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The concert opened with an exposition of raga Kamboji, which ranged from being reflective to impassioned, followed by Gopalakrishna Bharati's famous "Tiruvadi sharanam endru ingu naan". Packing it with niraval ('aduthu vandu') and swaraprastara, it was a powerhouse rendition. Krishna's scholarship came through in the way he sang the swaraprastara at two points in the composition: 'Tiruvadi sharanam' and at 'Devadideva' in different speeds.

Raga Poorvikalyani unfolded poignantly, often dragging the violinist (Akkarai Sornalata) to participate in the conversation. Krishna hardly hides his excitement about the immense possibilities that music offers. Hence, each time his music sounds new.

The concert followed with some beautiful compositions such as 'Chinna nadena' (raga Kalanidhi) and Papanasam Sivan's 'Shri janakipathe" (raga Karaharapriya). This was followed by a thani (Praveen Sparsh on the mridangam and N. Gurupasad on the ghatam), which unusually ended with a *mohra* and *korvai* led by the ghatam artiste. Krishna also sang compositions of Shri Narayana Guru and the Pakistani poet Hafeez Jalandhari's lyric on lord Krishna.

The highlight of the concert was the rendition of the Edicts of Ashoka, a project that Krishna undertook in 2020.

Krishna sang 'Abide with Me', the Christian hymn written by the Scottish Anglican cleric Henry Francis Lyte. He ended the concert with an energetic rendition of the Meera bhajan made famous by M.S. Subbulakshmi.

The seriousness that Krishna brings to his performances is a moving experience. He transcends artistic boundaries in the same way he crosses social boundaries.

CITYBEATS

Monsoon delights

ON AT ALL CHOWMAN OUTLETS

Chowman has launched a range of dishes for the monsoon.

The menu offers a range of soups along with snacks such as hot crispy chilli American corn, steamy veg momos, konjee crispy chicken, hot and spicy mountain chilli squid and more.

Priced at ₹1000, the food is also available on Chowman, Swiggy, Zomato apps.

Clowning around

JULY 21, 7.30PM

Jagriti presents *Bags of Gags*, a non-verbal clown show. The event is a part of Ranga Shankara's AHA! Theatre Children Festival 2023 that is supported by Rohini Nilekani philanthropies.

The venue is Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield.

It is open to anyone aged eight years and above.

Tickets on BookMyShow.

Nuts for donuts

ONGOING

Mad Over Donuts has launched a range of donuts called the 'Donut Dreamland', specially curated for tiny donut lovers.

The range comes in unicorn, rainbow and panda shapes and in flavours such as butter cream, oreo and dark chocolate to name a few.

The new range is available at all Mad over Donuts outlets.

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KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
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No.KHB/CE/S&S/Byalalu/MOEF/534/2020-21/291 Date: 17-07-2023

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This is to inform the public that **STATE LEVEL ENVIORNMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY, KARNATAKA** (Constituted by Ministry of Environment & forests, Government of India)has issued the Environmental Clearance to Karnataka Housing Board vide letter No. SEIAA 61 CON 2021 and EC identification No. EC23B039KA160812 dated 02.06.2023 **Proposed Sites & Services Schemes at Sy. No. 10 and others of Byalalu Village, Tavarekere hobli, Bengaluru South taluk, Bengaluru Urban district.**

The Environmental Clearance issued by the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka **https://parivesh.nic.in** can be accessed at the web site

Sd/- Chief Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
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E-Tender Notice No. 25-CECNMS-2023-E-381386 Dated 05-07-2023
E-Tender Notice No. 26-CECNMS-2023-E-366987 Dated 14-07-2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai 600 008 invites e-tender for the following work(s) as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

Name of the Work

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION CORRIGENDUM-II

Please refer the tender published through GoK e-procurement platform **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** under "GOODS" category from reputed bidders for **"Supply of 5760 KL of HFO IS-1593-1982 through railway BTPN Wagons and 400 KL of LDO IS-15770-2008 through Road Tankers required for YTPS for the year 2023-24".** The last date & time for bid submission along with the Technical & Financial bid (Part I & II) is extended **up to 20.07.2023, 17.30 hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (M-2), RPCL-YTPS, Yeramarus-584134, Dist: Raichur, Tele/Fax: 08532-286003. Cell: +91-9480682547, E-mail: eechpmytpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in**

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(E-Procurement two cover system)

The Kuvempu University invites competitive e-tenders from the eligible service providers for the task Digitization of Written Answer Booklets and Digital Evaluation of Digitized Answer Booklets (On Line Marking) to examination section, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act. The tenderers who have registered under E-governance Department of Karnataka may participate through e-tendering system. Tender documents may be downloaded from the E-Procurement Website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The eligible tenderers shall submit their proposal under e-procurement platform on or before the dates as scheduled in the e-portal. For any more information contact Registrar, Examination Section, 08282-256166. & 9448318252

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Lives lost to road accidents in India every year

1.5 in million. India represents 11% of global road accident fatalities. As per the World Health Organization, road crash is the leading cause of death amongst youth and kids aged 5 to 29 years. PTI

The amount saved by Sri Lanka through import restrictions

1.7 in $ million. Since early 2022, Sri Lanka has placed import restrictions to save foreign exchange reserves. The State Minister of Finance said that $1.95 billion was spent on imports in 2019. PTI

The additional loan that Pakistan has received from China

600 in $ million. The loan is to help shore up Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves. This is in addition to the over $5 billion in loans that China had earlier provided to the country. PTI

Increase in deposit due to the withdrawal of the ₹2000 note

191.6 in ₹ lakh crore. Since the RBI withdrew the notes in May, more than three-fourths of the total 3.62 lakh crore of ₹2000 bank notes have returned through deposits. PTI

The value of the global energy transition market by 2030

23 in $ trillion. Energy transition implies the shift from fossil-based fuels to renewable sources like wind and solar. India's aim is to reach net zero emissions by 2070. P TI

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The India-UAE deal to trade with rupees

What are the two MOUs signed by the Reserve Bank of India and the Central Bank of UAE? How will trading in local currencies help? What are the benefits of linking UPI and its UAE-counterpart Instant Payment Platform? Will it make remittance flow easier?

EXPLAINER

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:
During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the UAE, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and its Abu Dhabi-headquartered counterpart the Central Bank of the UAE signed two memoranda of understanding (MoUs). While the first established a framework to promote the use of local currencies for cross-border transactions, the other was for interlinking payment systems.

How will local currencies be promoted?
The first of the two MoUs aims to establish a Local Currency Settlement System (LCSS) to promote the use of rupee and the dirham bilaterally. It will cover all current and permitted capital account transactions. This, the RBI said, would enable exporters and importers to send invoices and pay in their respective domestic currencies, which in turn would help the development of the INR-AED foreign exchange market. It would also help promote investments and remittances between the two countries. Broadly, the arrangement would help optimise transaction costs and settlement time for transactions, including for remittances from Indians residing in UAE.

Why is it significant for exporters?
The focus on denominating export contracts and invoices in the local currency helps avert exchange-rate risks (such as when a third currency is being used as a standard), which further facilitates the scope to discover competitive pricing. Moreover, it could also lead to enhanced avenues for cooperation among the banking systems of the two countries, thereby contributing to the expansion of trade and economic activity for both. The major items of export from India to the UAE include

New trade: UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an official reception in Abu Dhabi on July 15. AFP

mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, bituminous substances, mineral waxes, followed by pearls, precious stones and metals, electrical machineries and equipment, among other things. The major items imported by India are petroleum crude and petroleum related products. India-UAE trade rose to $85 billion in 2022. Furthermore, the UAE was India's third largest trading partner and second-largest export destination in FY2022-23. Conversely, India was the UAE's second largest trading partner.

What about the interlinking of payment systems?
The second of the two MoUs links India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with its UAE-counterpart Instant Payment Platform (IPP). This is alongside the linking of card switches, that is, RuPay switch and UAESWITCH. Card switches entail facilitating communications and transactions between different payment service providers. The agreement would also explore linking of payment messaging systems of the two countries. The apex banking regulator in India said that the UPI-IPP linkage would enable users in either country to "make fast, convenient, safe, and cost-effective cross-border fund transfers". As for card switches, the regulator stated, it will "facilitate mutual acceptance of domestic cards and processing of card transactions." This is relevant to 3.5 million resident Indians living in the UAE (figure as of 2021).

How will this help?
One of the several issues with sending remittances back home, especially for low wage earners, is the high costs of transactions. This may entail fees and exchange rate margins, among other potential costs. In fact, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), in a larger context, had stated in a November 2022 report, "Because formal remittances involve high fixed costs and hence are expensive to provide, low-income individuals refrain from remitting, or are incentivised to use cheaper informal alternatives," it stated. It is challenges like these that the UPI-IPP linkage would try to address in real-time.

The development follows up on similar endeavours undertaken in the recent past. In March, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) finalised a collaboration with Singapore's PayNow for facilitating cross-border real time money transfers. In fact, it was noted by officials at the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) that facilitating remittances would become 10% cheaper.

Furthermore, the NPCI had in January permitted non-resident accounts with international numbers to be onboarded into the UPI ecosystem. At the onset, it included users from 10 countries – Singapore, Australia, Canada, Oman, Qatar, the U.S., Saudi Arabia, the UAE, the U.K and Hong Kong.

The World Bank noted in the 2023 Migration and Development Brief that India experienced a 24.4% increase in remittances to $111 billion in 2022 on a year-over-year basis. This represented 3.3% of the GDP. It further stated that at present, remittance inflows from GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries, which accounts for about 28% of the country's total remittance inflows, also soared in 2022. "High energy prices favoured the employment and incomes of the less-skilled Indian migrants in the GCC countries, while the GCC governments' special measures to curb food price inflation shielded migrants' remitting potential," the report argued. About 36% of the remittances were attributed to high-skilled and largely high-tech Indian migrants in the U.S., the U.K., and Singapore, the report pointed out.

THE GIST

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Tracking the new railway proposal for Kerala

How different is the new project from the earlier high-speed rail corridor and the SilverLineproject? Why did the latter face huge resistance from environmental activists?

John L. Paul

The story so far:
In Kerala, a new semi-high speed railway, expected to cruise at an average speed of 125 kmph has been proposed. Set to travel the 420-km Thiruvanthapuram-Kannur north-south corridor, the trains are slated to cover the distance in three and a half hours. The alignment for the trains will be largely that of the alignment suggested in 2015 for the high-speed rail corridor.

What is the new rail project?
The approximately ₹1 lakh crore semi-high speed train project on standard gauge track was mooted recently by technocrat E. Sreedharan, a day after Kerala's Representative in New Delhi K.V. Thomas called on him to elicit suggestions on a high-speed rail corridor. The new proposal is being projected as an alternative to the ₹64,000 crore Thiruvananthapuram-Kasaragod SilverLineproject, which was to cover the 530-km distance at an average speed of about 135 kmph, as per the Kerala Rail Development Corporation Ltd. (KRDCL).

The KRDCL had mooted 10 stations, each located approximately 55 km away, in the SilverLine alignment, while Mr. Sreedharan has cited the need for 15 stations located every 30 kms, to benefit more number of people. The proposed corridor would have a design speed of 200 kmph and can be linked with high-speed or semi-high speed rail projects on standard gauge that could touch Mangaluru and Coimbatore a few years down the lane. Referring to funding patterns, Mr. Sreesharan said that the Centre and State could pool in with ₹30,000 crore each, while ₹40,000 crore could be raised as loan.

Why are high speed trains a priority?
Trains in Kerala are operating at rock-bottom speed. Even express trains in the State operate at an average speed of less than 50 kmph due to frequent stops, huge number of sharp curves and the 69-km Ambalapuzha-Thuravur stretch where track doubling work is pending. The average speed plummets further to approximately 35 kmph for short-distance passenger trains.

What happened to the high-speed rail corridor and the SilverLineproject?
In 2014, the State government entrusted the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) with the task of readying a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for a high-speed rail corridor linking Thiruvananthapuram with the northern-most district Kasaragod. The DPR which was handed over to the government in 2015 was considered too ambitious and costly and failed to take off.

The SilverLineproject, proposed by the KRDCL in 2021, on the other hand, met with massive resistance, as it was to be built over a tall embankment constructed over the ground, and would have led to massive displacement of people. Environmental activists and others expressed fears that this would worsen flooding in many areas, since the embankment would block natural flow of water even if drains and canals were built at intervals. Mr. Sreedharan and other critics of SilverLine, said that the project's DPR was flawed, while warning that its cost would exceed ₹1 lakh crore.

Are vehicles increasing in the State?
With two projects to speed up rail commute in the State failing to take off, along with the laboriously-slow pace of travel in trains and local buses, the people of Kerala have taken to cars and two-wheelers for inter-district commute. There are now 1.5 crore vehicles – one vehicle for every two persons – jostling for space on narrow and congested roads which claim the life of over 4,000 people in accidents every year in the State. It is in this context that Mr. Sreedharan has suggested a semi-high speed corridor. He stated that the DMRC was in a position to ready the DPR in 12 months, since it already has ground-level data collected for the high-speed rail corridor in 2015.

Are trains going to speed up?
The Railways has readied projects to strengthen existing tracks and to straighten curves so that they are capable of hosting trains moving at up to 110 kmph speed. Further, efforts will be made to augment the speed to 130 kmph, and to 160 kmph at a later stage.

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- In Kerala, a new semi-high speed railway, expected to cruise at an average speed of 125 kmph has been proposed.
- Trains in Kerala are operating at rock-bottom speed. Even express trains in the State operate at an average speed of less than 50 kmph due to frequent stops and huge number of sharp curves.
- The Railways has readied projects to strengthen existing tracks and to straighten curves so that they are capable of hosting trains moving at up to 110 kmph speed.

'All-weather tourism mart' planned at Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Dasara Exhibition Grounds in Mysuru is soon expected to be developed into an "all-weather tourism mart" under the Centre's Swadesh Darshan project.

Pratap Simha, Mysuru MP, who held a meeting with Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) officials in Mysuru on Tuesday, said the Centre had sanctioned ₹80 crore for the project and work on preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the development of the exhibition grounds has begun. Work will begin before the end of this year soon after the DPR is prepared, necessary clearances are obtained from the authorities concerned, and funds are released, he said.

Pratap Simha, MP, inspecting the Dasara Exhibition Grounds in Mysuru on Tuesday. Karnataka Exhibition Authority chief executive officer Rajesh Gowda was with him. M.A. SRIRAM

The all-weather tourism mart, where focus will be given to promotion of Mysuru's indigenous products like Mysore Silk, Mysuru betel leaves, and Mysuru sandal, will be a hub of activities round the year instead of restricting it to only Dasara festival.

"All the products of Mysuru with a GI tag will be made available," he said.

The tourists visiting the exhibition grounds should be assured of authentic Mysuru products.

The grounds will also feature artisans from different parts of Karnataka. All the specialties of the State like Channapatna toys and other products will be available here, Mr. Simha said.

The proposed mart will spread across a total of 80 acres of the Dasara Exhibition Grounds including the 13 acres in the adjacent Mahatma Gandhi Road.

To a question, he said he expected the preparation of DPR to be completed in six months after which tenders would be invited.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby inform that my client **Sri.Veerabhadrappa H.K** S/o Mruthyunjayappa. H.K, is intending to purchase the Residential Vacant **Site bearing No.259,** BDA Katha No.BDA/RO(W)/259/2006-07, PID No.4312050552, formed by the Sir.M.Vishwesharaiah Layout, 5th Block, Bangalore. Measuring **East to West-9** Meter and **North to South- 6** Meter, totally measuring: **54 Square Meters.** And Bounded on: East by :: Site No.270, West by :: Road, North by :: Site No.260, South by :: Site No.258. Property from its owner **Smt.Chandramma** W/o Sri.G.Ramanna, Aged about 58 years, Residing at No.18/3, lert A Cross, Behind VSS School, Jagajyothi Layout, Bangalore-560056.

If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the Undersigned with the Documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s **with in Seven (7) days** from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule property and thereafter no claims/objections/ disputes will be entertained.

Krishna, Advocate
Sri Sailakshmi Associates
No.29, 3rd Main Road, Chandrashekar Layout, S.G.Kaval, Bengaluru-91,
Mobile: 9448828781
Place: Bangalore
Date: 18-07-2023

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G2C
E-Tender Notice No. 17/2023
Dated: 11-07-2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tender for the following work:

Description in Brief :- Lead Acid Low Maintenance Stationary Secondary Cell 2V X 200AH. Capacity at 10 hrs. rate of discharge at 27 degree centigrade assembled in hard rubber container with tubular positive & pasted negative plates, confirming to RDSO Spec. No.-IRS-S-88/2004, the cells are supplied with micro porous vent plug cum sealed floats, inner cell connectors, nuts, bolts and washer. The cell will be supplied in dry and uncharged.
(Qty. 720 Nos.) (Tender No. L8236011)

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 10:30 Hrs. on 07-08-2023
For details log on:www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Materials Manager
PUB/241/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24 Bengaluru
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.EEP/e-tender Date: 11.07.2023

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** under **"GOODS"** category on 07.07.2023, 10.07.2023 & 11.07.2023 as per RTPS requirements. Procurement of **1.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0250, Ash Handling System Spares for AHP-2. EMD: **Rs. 28,400/-. 2.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0252, Ash Handling System Spares for AHP-1. EMD: **Rs. 25,500/-. 3.** KPCL/2023-24/IND 0266, Compressor Spares for AHP-2. EMD: **Rs. 2,000/-. 4.** KPCL/2023-24/IND 0264, Compressor Spares for AHP-2. EMD: **Rs. 30,000/-. 5.** KPCL/2023-24/IND 0270, SS Wire Braided Flexible Air Hose for AHP-2. EMD: **Rs. 6,500/-. 6.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0257, Pump Spares for CAM-2. EMD: **Rs. 22,000/-. 7.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0258, Pump Spares for AHP-1. EMD: **Rs. 2,400/-. 8.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0259, Pump Spares for CAM-1. EMD: **Rs. 36,000/-. 9.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0261, Pump Spares for CAM-1. EMD: **Rs. 31,100/-. 10.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0267, Gaskest & Gland Packing for AHP-2. EMD: **Rs. 3,950/-. 11.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0269, Gate Valves for AHP-2. EMD: **Rs. 22,100/-. 12.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0255, Ash Handling Spares for AHP-2. EMD: **Rs. 25,000/-. 13.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0263, Fire Fighting Equipments. EMD: **Rs. 36,000/-. 14.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0256, Ash Handling Spares for AHP-1. EMD: **Rs. 13,100/-. 15.** KPCL/2023-24/IND0052/CALL-2, Feed Gate Housing Assemblys for AHP-1. EMD: **Rs. 23,500/-.** Last date for the receipt of tenders: **20.07.2023, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 1 to 5, 7,10,11, 12 & 14. **26.07.2023, 16:00Hrs.** for Sl. No. 6, 8, 9, 13 & 15. **Note:** Sl. No.: **1,2,3,4,5,7,10,11,12 & 14** are on Short Term Basis. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (Purchase), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar - 584170, Raichur District,** Mobile No.: **94495 98930.** E-mail: **eeprtps@gmail.com.**

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ಸಹಿ/- ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ,
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(Construction Organisation)
E-Tender Notice No.ERS/SG/CN/2023/OT/04

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Ernakulam invites E-Tender for the following works:

1.	Name of the work	Signalling and Telecommunications arrangements at JOKATTE in connection with proposed doubling of track between JOKATTE and THOKUR stations.
2.	Approximate cost of the work	₹17,61,62,349/-
3.	Cost of Tender Form	NIL
4.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹10,30,800/-
5.	Bidding System	Two Packet
6.	Completion Period of work	10 (TEN) months
7.	Tender Closing Date & Time	07/08/2023 15.30 hrs
8.	Notice board particulars where details of can be obtained	Office of the Dy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, (Construction), Southern Railway, Ernakulam Junction.

Note:
1. Value of tender inclusive of GST as per extant rules for the supply and services by the tenderer
2. Joint Ventures (JV) are allowed to bid.
3. Visit **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed terms and conditions and other details.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that, our client intends to PURCHASE the immovable property more fully described in the schedule property hereunder from present owner i.e., **Mrs. P. GANGA KARANTH,** Wife of Mr. P.Narayana Karanth.

Any persons, financial institutions having any sort of claim / rights / interest / charge on the below said property or any objections for the said sale of the property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the below said property and our client shall be advised to proceed with the proposed transaction. Any claims thereafter shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential property **BDA Site No.15,** having PID No.67-8-15, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South :60 feet, totally measuring 2400 Square feet, situated at 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore 560095, along with building consisting thereon and bounded on the ;

East by : Site No.14, West by : Site No.16,
North by : Site No.20, South by : Road.

Sd/- S.M. Manjunatha, Advocate
LAW PARK ASSOCIATES,
6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **Smt.B.SHOBHA RAMESH W/o late B.Ramesh and her children Smt.ARCHANA RAO SUKEERTHY & Smt.SWATHI BRAHMA,** residing in the Schedule property.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.68 (CITB Site No.1862) PID No.58-42-68, measuring East to West 42½ ft and North to South 70 ft, with a building thereon, situated at 38th "A" Cross, 4th "T" Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041 and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Property No.1863
North by : Road
South by : Property No.1871

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

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सं. 561] नई दिल्ली, सोमवार, फरवरी 6, 2023/माघ 17, 1944
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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

S.O. 590(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH13 in the stretch of land from Km. 524.430 to Km. 524.930 (Chitradurga-Shimoga section) in the district of SHIVAMOGGA in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Assistant Commissioner Shimoga Sub Division Shimoga in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE : Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 524.430 to Km. 524.930 (Chitradurga - Shimoga section) of NH13 in the state of KARNATAKA.

State: KARNATAKA			District: SHIVAMOGGA		
Sl. No.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Shivamogga					
Village: Islampura					
1	12/3	Private	Dry	181.1100000 (Square Meter)	0.0181110
2	29	Government	Dry	1,104.0000000 (Square Meter)	0.1104000
3	6	Private	Dry	664.6000000 (Square Meter)	0.0664600
			Total	1,949.7100	0.1950

[F. No. RW/KNT/NH-13-KNT-2020-21-911/3A]
RAJESH GUPTA, Director

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪ)ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ,
ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು-570024. ಇಮೇಲ್: eewmccmys@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮೈನಪಾ/ಉಆ(ಆ)ವಾ/ಪಿಆರ್/124/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.07.2023

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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1.	ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ)	ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಹೆಚ್/1/ಪವಿ/101/2022-23, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15/07/2023	23	1034.84	15.07.2023	31.07.2023	01.08.2023

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IFTNo. KMF/ENGG/NHMPP-Powder Pkg/01678/2023-24 Date:17.07.2023

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Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty.	EMD (Rs.)	Tender Period
1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Powder Conveying and Packing at Nandini Hi-Tech Mega Powder Plant (NHMPP), Kanva, Ramanagara on Turnkey basis.	1 Job	3,54,000/-	8 Months

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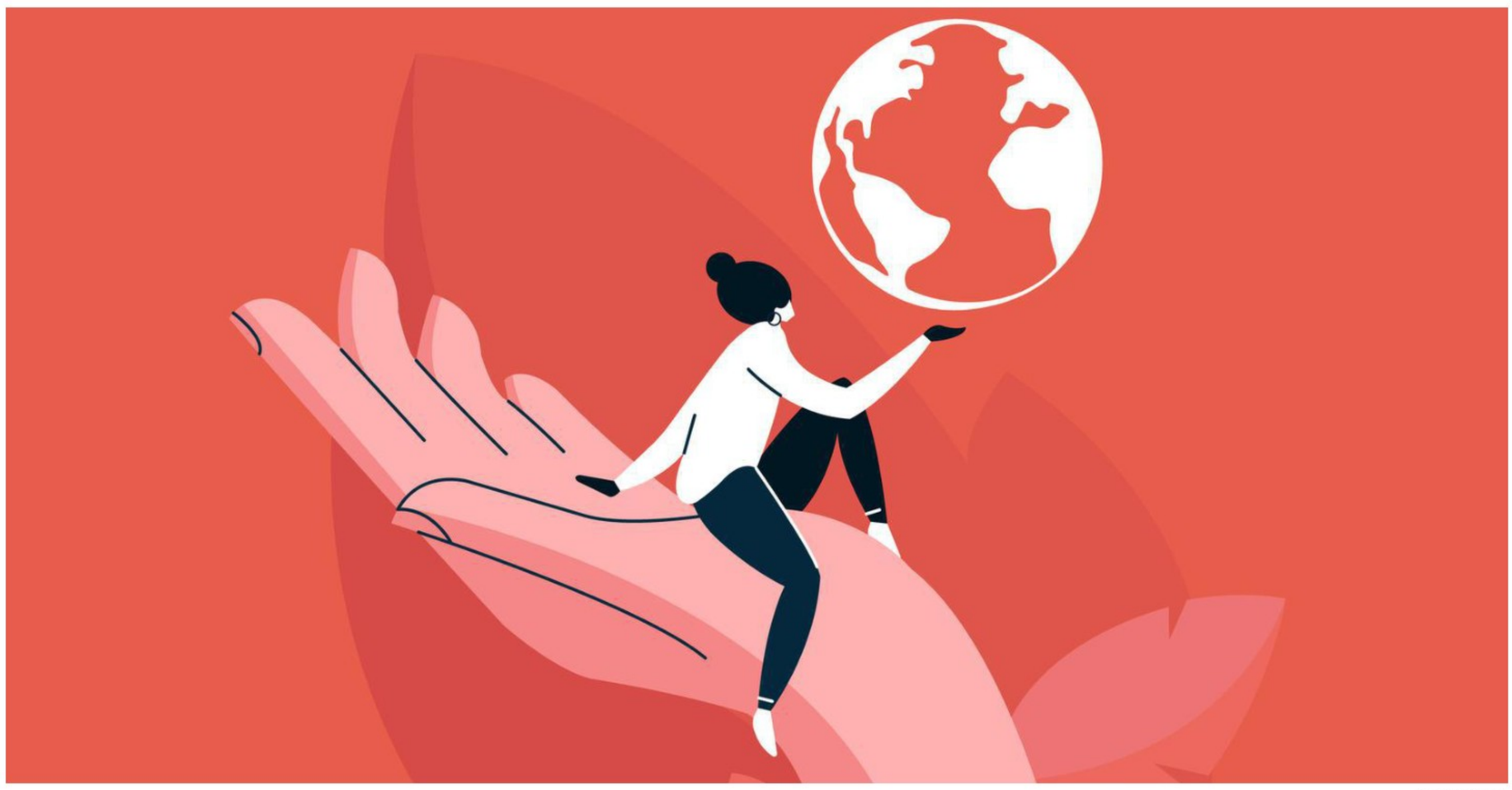
ABSTRACT



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Renaming Satara's 'unwanted' girls: how sons are still preferred over daughters

In many regions in India, demeaning and derogatory names are given to girls. In the Satara district of Maharashtra, girl children, especially from poorer economic backgrounds, are given the name Nakoshi, Nakusa or Nakusha which translates to 'unwanted'

Rebecca Rose Varghese

Jagtap, Priyanka, 'The Forgotten Nakoshis of Satara: A Renaming Programme Examined', Economic & Political Weekly, Vol 58, Issue No. 23, Jun 10, 2023

Despite progress in various aspects, the practice of favouring sons over daughters is prevalent in most patriarchal societies. In India, the low child sex ratio and the need for a law banning sex determination tests due to sex-selective abortions are some of the examples of discrimination towards a girl child. A significant share of people prefers sons over daughters in India due to cultural notions that the family lineage is carried forward by men and that only sons will take care of their elderly parents. Various cultural practices reveal how deep-rooted the issue is and how much it adversely impacts the day-to-day lives of women brought up in such societies. Priyanka Jagtap in her paper, 'The Forgotten Nakoshis of Satara: A Renaming Programme Examined' explores one such cultural practice and the tokenistic role played by the state in changing attitudes towards girl children.

The idea behind renaming

The author starts off by stating that in many regions in India, demeaning names or names that translate to 'unwanted' are still given to girls. Through case studies, she examines Satara, a district in Maharashtra where girl children, especially from poorer economic backgrounds, are given the name Nakoshi, Nakusa or Nakusha (meaning 'unwanted' in Marathi). In the last few decades, Satara has had a poor child-sex ratio, with only 878 girls per 1,000 boys, according to the 2001 Census. This saw a marginal increase to 895 girls in the 2011 Census.

The paper primarily deals with the impact of the 2011 renaming ceremony initiative undertaken by the district administration for the Nakoshis of Satara. The author examines the case studies of four girls/women who participated in a renaming ceremony organised by health officials and the Satara district administration on October 22, 2011. The ceremony aimed to raise awareness about the importance of girls and combat female foeticide as part of the "Save the Girl Child" campaign. A survey conducted in 2011 revealed that approximately 265 females had the name Nakoshi, which was associated with the disappointment of having a daughter. The district had implemented various initiatives during this period and consequently, they found it crucial to launch a renaming drive to promote a positive outlook towards girl children.

A tokenistic approach

While the authorities were confident that the name-changing ceremony would change the attitude towards women in society, such a transformation has not been seen, according to the author. A concern raised by both parents and the women whose names were changed was the lack of involvement from the administration in the official renaming process. Despite receiving name-change certificates, many of these girls continued to be called Nakoshi due to bureaucratic obstacles and complexities involved in officially changing their names. Respondents reported that the administration did not provide guidance or follow up with the regional office to ensure the names were officially changed.

Further, given their disadvantaged position in society, several of these girls hoped to receive financial assistance for their education, which would not only support their advancement but also incentivise parents to educate them and inculcate a positive attitude towards girl children. Unfortunately, the government did not provide any such financial support. During interviews, a government official even stated that since Nakoshi was not considered a special category, there was no requirement for additional benefits.

An interview with Ujala, one of the girls whose name was changed, shows how her parents preferred to educate her brother while she was forced to support her family financially and drop out of school. Vinda's mother underwent tubectomy soon after she had a boy child but when he suddenly passed away, the family got so desperate to have a son that she tried to reverse the operation. Vinda's own hope to have a son as a newly married woman is reflective of how this preference for boys over girls has not changed, even when Vinda herself was a victim of this preference.

The feeling of being unwanted

The name Nakoshi is rooted in prejudice and superstition and its impact on girls was ingrained even after their names were changed. Most parents seemed oblivious to the fact that naming their girl child a demeaning name would have an adverse socio-psychological impact on them. Most of the girls internalised these negative perceptions and seemed unaware of the discrimination they faced within their households. Yet, at the same time, many of these girls dropped out of school as they could not bear the humiliation and name-calling they endured.

Despite playing crucial roles in their families, assisting with siblings and providing financial support, these girls perceived themselves as inferior and downplayed their contributions. Vinda's desire for a son also stemmed from her longing to finally feel valued and useful within her family, alleviating her guilt and sense of being unwanted.

Need for change

A person's name is their first identity and the author emphasises the importance of the State administration's effort to eradicate the derogatory naming of girls through the renaming ceremony. However, the government's responsibility extends beyond symbolic gestures. It is crucial to empower and boost the confidence of girls who face discrimination. This can be achieved through educational support, counselling, and financial assistance for education and healthcare.

Additionally, steps to ban derogatory names for daughters must also be taken. The State must collaborate with NGOs to run campaigns against superstitions and cultural norms that promote sons over daughters.

The paper underscores the complexity of bringing about societal change. It requires a combination of symbolic actions, spreading awareness, and consistent monitoring of progress. And while the name-changing ceremony for Nakoshis was an important step, without subsequent efforts from the State, it merely becomes a publicity stunt with no tangible impact on society.

The paper is an example of how social initiatives and programs fail to bring about meaningful change due to the absence of follow-ups and feedback from society. It also exposes the limitations of tokenistic initiatives, which fail to comprehend ground realities due to bureaucratic reluctance.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Mr. S. Ram Kumar wants to know the difference between 'popular' and 'famous.'"

"'Popular' means 'of, or carried on by the people,' 'liked or admired by the people.' What is popular is liked by the people in general. What appeals to the people may not always be good or refined. A popular novel is a novel that appeals to the people. It may not appeal to people with a cultivated taste. A famous novel is a novel well-known for its quality; it is a novel 'celebrated for its quality.' In colloquial English, 'famous' means 'excellent.'

They are getting along famously.

'Popular' has a bad connotation which 'famous' doesn't have. A man famous in his field may not be popular. A popular government isn't a famous government!"

"Sir, Mr. K. Udayana, VI Standard, wants to know the difference between 'later' and 'latter.'"

" 'Later' means 'afterwards.'

I am busy now; come and see me later.

'Latter' means 'second-mentioned of two.'

Sita and Laxmi took the examination last month; the latter was successful.

'The latter' here means the one mentioned second. That is, Laxmi. 'Latter' is used only in writing. The 'a' in 'later' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'hate' and 'late.' The 'a' in 'latter' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'man'; 'latter' rhymes with 'matter,' 'fatter.'"

"Sir, Mr. Mukesh Mehta wants to know how to use 'alleged.'"

" 'Alleged' serves 'as a disclaimer of responsibility for the assertion made.' To allege is to say something without proof. If you want to make a statement the truth of which you are not quite sure, you use 'alleged.' A journalist who was asked to be absolutely sure of his facts wrote thus: 'An alleged thief assaulted an alleged woman when she was allegedly returning from her alleged home.'"

"Sir, Mr. Aidan J. N. Boyack writes: "It is often asserted that English is the only language malleable and adaptable enough to cope with 'High Tech' and scientific terminology, and that if India is to form part of the 'High Tech World,' its people must know English. I believe that language experts in Tamil Nadu are compiling a dictionary to prove that multisyllabic Dravidian languages are able to cope with scientific terminology. But it is not only the ancient languages of India which have the problem: European languages are no better. I recently bought the most advanced SLR camera in the world and with it came an instruction manual in English, French, German and Spanish. One could see at once that the latter three languages were hopeless in dealing simply with even instructions on how to operate a camera.

Two examples– Two monosyllabic English words "Film Speed." In German this comes "Film empli nd lich keit seins teuer-ungebereich." In Spanish "Film Re-wind" is rendered as "Rebobinado de la película."

"With a little adjustment, we can understand one another. Like cultures, languages are different; they aren't inferior or superior to others."

Published in The Hindu on September 13, 1988

THE DAILY QUIZ

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Maurice Garin won the the inaugural Tour de France, an annual men's multiple-stage bicycle race, on this day in 1903. Here is a quiz on bicycle racing

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
In road bicycle racing, the three major European professional cycling stage races are collectively termed the Grand Tours. Name the three tours.

QUESTION 2
The Tour de France cycling race originated in 1903 for which reason?

QUESTION 3
What is the name of the women's cycle stage race around France, organised by Amaury Sport Organization (ASO), which also runs the Tour de France? When was it first organised?

QUESTION 4
Since 1919, the race leader following each stage has been awarded which jersey?

QUESTION 5
The Tour and its first Italian winner, Ottavio Bottecchia, are mentioned at the end of Ernest Hemingway's book. Name the book.

QUESTION 6
He is a Belgian former professional road and track bicycle racer who is the most successful rider in the history of competitive cycling. His victories include an unequalled eleven Grand Tours, all five Monuments, setting the hour record, three World Championships, every major one-day race other than Paris–Tours, and extensive victories on the track. Who is he?

Visual question:
Identify this man. What is he known for?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This special record was registered by Jarmila Kratochvilova in 1983. **Ans: World Record in 800m, the longest held athletic world record**
2. This Russian athlete broke her own world record 28 times in this sport. **Ans: Yelena Isinbayeva; Pole Vault**
3. This footballer from this country has scored 190 goals in 322 games. **Ans: Christine Sinclair; Canada**
4. This record is held by former BMW mechanic Jutta Kleinschmidt. **Ans: Only woman Paris-Dakar rally winner**
5. This sprinter holds the world record in 100m and 200m. **Ans: Florence Griffith Joyner**
Visual: This basketball player holds the same record in the WNBA that LeBron James just managed to reach. **Ans: Diana Taurasi**
Early Birds: Sumit Kumar| Utkarsha Verma| Prashant Kalbende

Word of the day

Fecund:
capable of producing offspring or vegetation; intellectually productive

Synonyms: fertile, prolific

Usage: *She has a very fecund imagination.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/fecundpro

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I, RAVICHANDIRAN L, R/o No. 30, 3rd Main, Srinidhi Layout, Chunchaghatta Village, Konanakunte, Bangalore - 560062 have changed my name from Ravichandiran L to Ravichandran L vide affidavit dated 12-07-2023 before Notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

I, S VIJAYASHANKER R/at 33, Bang–43 have changed my sons name from THEJAS, THEJAS V to THEJAS VIJAYASHANKER for all future purposes by affidavit 14–07–2023, Notary Uday Kumar.K

I, J. SAVITHA, W/o Ravichandran L, R/o No.30, 3rd Main, Srinidhi Layout, Chunchaghatta Village, Konanakunte, Bangalore-560062 have changed my name from J. Savitha to Jayaram Savitha Ravi vide affidavit dated 16-07-2023 before Notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHAICK mohamed kaiyasudeen, S/o Sirajudeen R/o JB 1502, Juniper Block, B wing, Salarpuria Greenage Apartment, Bommanahalli, Bangalore 560068 have changed my minor Son's name from Mohammed aathik shaick to S Mohammed aathik vide affidavit dated 17–Jul–2023 sworn before notary k v Mani, Bangalore (Reg.no 21613) by 17–Jul–2023

I, DEPENDRA Singh Tanwar, S/o Service No.15331537L, Rank HAV, Chetram, R/a Vill: Bighawali (207) Palwal, Haryana-121103, hereby state that my name has been wrongly mentioned as Deependra Singh Tanwar in my Father service record but my correct name is Dependra Singh Tanwar, vide affidavit dt: 17.07.2023 sworn before Notary N.Kanchivaradaraju, B'lore

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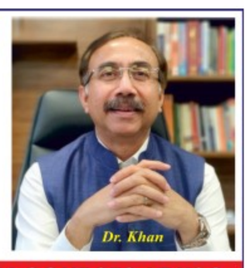

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OA. NO. 972/2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK LIMITED,
Having its Branch Office at The Senate IBC, Ulsoor Road, Yellappa Garden, Yellappa Chetty Layout, Sivachetti Gardens, BENGALURE- 560008
...APPLICANT

AND
1. MR. SAMBASIVA RAO SUDA, S/o. Anjaneyulu Suda, Aged about 42 years
No. A109, Splendid Royale, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Hosapalya, MSR Layout Sector 2, Bangaore-560068
Also at
MR. SAMBASIVA RAO SUDA, Designation : SDE Smart Dive Systems India Private Limited, 6-3-1192, 4th Floor, Life Style Building, Begumpet Road, Kundanbagh Colony, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500016
2. MRS. SUDA MRUDULA D/o. Subbarao Tirumalasetty, Aged about 43 years
No. A109, Splendid Royale, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Hosapalya, MSR Layout Sector 2, Bangalore-560068
...DEFENDANTS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 36,15,279.39/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Paisa Thirty Nine Only)** together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **21/8/2023** at 10:30 A.M., as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this 05th day of July, 2023

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I
Bangalore

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IN THE COURT OF XXVIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH-75)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 25382 OF 2022

BETWEEN
ICICI BANK LTD.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 001, And represented by its POA Holder, Sri. Pramodh G, S/o Gurumalappa. Age: 47 years.
...PLAINTIFF

AND :
Mr. Roopesh Kumar C
...DEFENDANT

Mr. Roopesh Kumar C
Aged aboutp 37 years,
Son of Chikkarasaian
R/at No. 09, Byaraveshwara Layout, Near Amrutha Bakery, Nelamangala Town, Bengaluru Rural District- 562 123
...DEFENDANT

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount **Rs.4,27,717/-** together with interest at the rate 24% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble City Civil and Sessions Judge Court Mayohall CCH-75) at Bengaluru, in person or by a advocate/pleader on **21/07/2023** at **11:00 AM** to answer the questions of the same. Failing which is the matter will be heard and determined as **"EX-PARTE".**
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 27th day of June, 2023.

By the Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
Mayo Hall Unit
Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff
Mr. K. N. Arvinda Navada
Advocate
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BETWEEN:
ICICI BANK LTD
No. 55, Coles Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005.
...APPLICANT

AND :
MRS. SAFIYA M.S.
Aged about 39 years,
W/o Mr. Shoukathali,
Residing at F-202, Renaissance Exotica, Jakkur Plantation, Opp. Sobha Ultima, Jakkur, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560064.
...DEFENDANT

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IN THE COURT OF THE XV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-03)
O.S. NO. 7176/2022
H.g. 04/10/2023

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 And also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative Mr. Rohith Ali M. **...Plaintiff**
And :
Mr. Mahesh Barla
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Mahesh Barla,
S/o Sharnappa Barla,
Aged about 34 years,
R/at No. 155, Ananda Nilaya, 3rd Main, 7th Cross, MSR Nagar, Near Sports Ground Ramayya, Bangalore-560054.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 12,60,670.68/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-03), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **04/10/2023** at **11:00 AM** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 12thday of July, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru 01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560 001
O.A. NO. 767/2022

BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK LTD.,
...APPLICANT
AND:
SRI SUBRAMANI VENKATESHU
...DEFENDANT

To,
Sri Subramani Venkateshu, S/o Sri. Venkateshu Chengalrayappa, Aged About 44 Years, Plot No.12, Gayathri Layout, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Devasandra, Near Gayathri Temple, Bangalore- 560 036
Mobile No- 6361394406
Also At
Sri. Subramani Venkateshu, Larsen & Toubro Infotech Limited, No. 25/30, Epip 2nd Phase, Kiadb Industrial Area, Whitefield, Near Kipo Lane, Bangalore- 560 066

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 29,07,570/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Rupees Only)** amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.
2. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **27/11/2023** at **10:30 A.M.** in forenoon in person or by pleader/ advocate duly instructed as to why the relief pray for should not be granted.
3. Take notice that, in default of you appearance the day mentioned herein before, proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **27/06/2023.**

By the order of the Tribunal
Registrar- 2
Debts Recovery Tribunal- Bangalore

LEGAL NOTICE

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560001.
OA. NO. 1098/2022

BETWEEN:
ICICI BANK LTD.
The Senate IBC, Ulsoor Road, Yellappa Garden, Yellappa Chetty Layout, Sivachetti Gardens, Bengaluru- 560008.
...APPLICANT

AND:
1. M/s Val Ueaid HR Services (OPC) Private Limited,
Having its office at No. 8A, 17th E Cross, Indira Nagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560038.
Represented by is Director Mr. Nagani Ramachandra Dilli Babu
2. Mr. Nagani Ramachandra Dilli Babu,
Aged about 41 years,
S/o Nagani Ramachandra Naidu, No. 1003/A, 17th C Cross, Indira Nagar, Bangalore-560038.
3. Miss. M. Pavitra,
Aged about 37 years,
W/o Mr. Nagani Ramachandra Delli Babu, No. 1003/A, 17th C Cross, Indira Nagar, Bangalore-560038.
...DEFENDANTS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 21,42,443.96/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Three and Paisa Ninety Six Only)** together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **21/08/2023** at 10:30 A.M., as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this 5th day of July, 2023

Registrar
Debts recovery Tribunal-1
Bangalore

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560 001
O. A. NO. 772/2022

BETWEEN:
ICICI BANK LTD.,
...APPLICANT
AND:
SRI A. SIVAKUMAR
...DEFENDANT

To,
SRI A. SIVAKUMAR,
S/O.SRI KIRTHIGA,
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS,
PROPRIETOR OF MITTA PAPERS, NO. 441, MAHAVEER FORTUNE APARTMENT, A BLOCK, 3RD MAGADI MAIN ROAD, G HOSAHALLI, BANGALORE NORTH, VISWANEEDAH, BANGALORE-560 091
E MAIL ID-
h.a.sivakumarn@gmail.com
ALSO AT
SRI A SIVAKUMAR,
PROPRIETOR OF MITTA PAPERS, NO.47/4, BMTC DEPO ROAD, SEEGEHALLY, MAGADI MAIN ROAD, BENGALURU URBAN, BANGALORE- 560 091

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23(Viii)OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs.33,49,553/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Three Rupees only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.
2. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 29/11/2023 at 10:30 A.M. in forenoon in person or by pleader/advocate duly instructed as to why the relief pray for should not be granted.
3. Take notice that, in default of you appearance the day mentioned herein before, proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 27th day of June, 2023

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

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INBRIEF

BJP leader takes exception to Speaker meeting Sonia

BJP leader Araga Jnanendra on Tuesday took exception to Speaker U.T. Khader meeting Congress leader Sonia Gandhi. Raising the issue in the Assembly, Mr. Jnanendra asked him to clarify how he could meet her as he has severed all political links while occupying the Speaker's chair. Defending his action, the Speaker said he had attended the dinner hosted by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday night where he had met various leaders. "Should I desist from attending the official dinner hosted by the Chief Minister just because I am the Speaker? I am also a human being. I don't see anything wrong in it," the Speaker said.

Man-animal conflict: 325 km of rail barricades in 3 years

The Forest Department will construct 325 km of rail barricades in areas affected by elephant menace to restrict the movement of elephants, said Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre on Tuesday. He was responding to Mantar Gowda and Darshan Dhruvanarayan, both Congress, who raised the issue of repeated man-animal conflicts in Kodagu district and Nanjangud.

Amendment to APMC Act stalled in Council; Bill referred to House panel

56 farmers' organisations have petitioned the government to amend the Act, says Minister; JD(S) member Marithibbe Gowda broke ranks with his party and supported the Bill

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With numbers not on its side in the Legislative Council, the Congress government saw one of its poll promises – of amending the APMC Act – stalled on Tuesday in the Upper House that decided to send the Bill to the House Committee to further study the issue. The development comes a day after the Bill was passed in the Legislative Assembly amid uproar by the Opposition BJP and Janata Dal (Secular).

The Bill, that has been a demand of the farmers' organisations, proposes to scrap the amendments introduced by the previous BJP government.

After over two hours of discussion, the Agriculture Produce Marketing (Regulation and Development) (Amendment) Bill, 2023, was put to vote on sending it to the House committee, and the combined Opposition of BJP and JD (S) voted in favour. While 31 votes were cast in favour of the committee, 21 votes were cast against it. Senior JD (S) leader Marithibbe Gowda, however, broke ranks with his party members and supported the amendment Bill. Currently, the combined strength of BJP and JD(S) is 42 in the 75-member house.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil speaking in the Legislative Council on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Demand by Opposition

Earlier, during the discussion of the Bill after it was introduced in the House by APMC Minister Shivanand Patil, multiple members including Srinivas Poojary and S.V. Sankanur of BJP and JD (S) leader S.L. Bhoje Gowda urged the government to send the Bill to select committee or joint select committee as further discussions were required before the Act is amended. The Minister, however, rejected the demand, forcing a vote on the issue. Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil also opposed the Bill to be sent to committee, citing that enough discussion on the Bill has taken place in the House.

Opposing the Bill, BJP member Y.A. Narayanaswamy accused Congress government of having a mindset to demolish the BJP programmes without adequate studies, and pointed out that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had in the past favoured open market for farm produce due to harassment by middlemen and commission agents.

Not done in hurry

Mr. Shivanand Patil insisted that the government intended to go back to the Act that existed in 2019 before it was amended by the BJP government. "We are not pushing the Bill in a hurry. We had opposed when the amendments were brought by BJP. Both Mr. Siddaramaiah and (former Chief Minister) H.D. Kumaraswamy had vehemently opposed the amendments that were brought by BJP. I don't know why JD(S) has taken a different stance." He pointed out that the then BJP government was in a hurry and implemented the Act even before the Centre implemented it.

Stating that those States that had amended the Act under pressure had gone back to the original Act and the Centre has already withdrawn the amendments, he said only Karnataka, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh had not done so. He said that 56 farmers' organisations have petitioned the government to amend the Act, and that this will not lead to harassment. "Currently, the government is unable to asses or track rates and fixing support price has become a problem. The APMC has been unable to control prices."

To concerns raised by BJP member D.S. Arun that farmers producers' organisations (FPOs) could be affected with the amendment, the Minister clarified that FPOs and others can secure direct purchase licence to participate in the trade.

Meanwhile, the Council passed the Karnataka GST (Amendment) Act 2023 and Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement (Amendment) Act 2023 that was earlier passed by Assembly.

Process delayed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Legislative Council's vote to have a House committee to see the APMC Amendment Bill means that there will be a delay in bringing the amendment by the Congress government.

One of the Opposition party members said that the Council's Chairman will now form a committee that will go through the Bill and recommend changes, if necessary. The Chairman may set a deadline for the committee to give the report. "On the other hand, if the Council had rejected the Bill, it would have gone back to the Assembly where the Bill could have been cleared."

BJP urges State government to declare drought

BJP member Basavaraj Bommai speaking in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Expressing concern over the impact of deficient monsoon on agriculture, the principal Opposition BJP on Tuesday urged the government to declare the State as drought-hit at least for agriculture purposes.

Raising the issue in the Assembly, BJP members led by former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai expressed concern that farmers of the State, particularly those from the northern region, were in dire straits due to deficient monsoon. Though there was more rain in some parts now, majority of northern Karnataka was still facing prolonged dry spell, Mr. Bommai said.

Also, even in the areas that are receiving some rains now, the rainfall was not timely, he said, while expressing concern that agricultural operations like sowing was affected due to this.

In fact, the State had seen sowing of only 16.6% of the targeted area so far, he said, while pointing out that only 1.14 lakh hectares of the total seven lakh targeted area had been sown. He urged the government to take the issue seriously and declare drought for agricultural purposes to protect the interests of farmers.

Alleging that funds allocated for drinking water purposes were not adequate, he demanded that every Assembly constituency should get a minimum of ₹1 crore to tackle water shortage.

He also took exception to the Agriculture Minister's stand that farmers' suicides were lesser when compared with the previous year.

"It is not a proper approach to take such a stand. Instead, the Minister should be concerned that such a trend is still continuing and try to help farmers by adopting a humane approach," he said.

Cautioning the government that any failure to take the drought issue seriously will affect farmers, he sought permission to debate the issue through an adjournment motion that has censuring clause. However, Speaker U.T. Khader said he would permit them to take up the issue under another clause and assured the members of allowing a discussion shortly.

Members press for declaring Tulu as second official language

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Legislative Assembly on Tuesday witnessed some lighter moments when Speaker U.T. Khader and Puttur MLA Ashok Kumar Rai interacted in Tulu for some time. They were stopped by some members, who said that the Assembly Secretariat did not understand Tulu and would find it difficult to record the interaction.

This happened when the MLA demanded that the State should declare Tulu as the second official language in Karnataka.

Pointing out that over one crore people speak Tulu in the State, Mr. Rai said both the Centre and State have set up Tulu academies. "Some entrance exams for admission to universities in the U.S. have also recognised Tulu as one of the 17 Indian languages in which exams can be written. The State should declare this language as the second official language," he asserted.

Intervening, the Speaker supported the member's demand.

Responding, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadi assured the House that a decision will be taken after seeking the opinion of the departments concerned.

"A committee set up to examine the feasibility of declaring Tulu as the second official language, has submitted its report a few months ago. The committee has said that we should take the opinion of the departments concerned," the Minister said.

When BJP member Vedavyas Kamath pointed out that a legal NOC had already been taken and the government should not delay any longer, the Speaker intervened and said: "The committee's report was submitted in February. Why did your government not take a call on it in March and April?"

'Probe into misappropriation of COVID-19 funds soon'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Tuesday informed the Legislative Assembly that a comprehensive probe into fund misappropriation during the pandemic will be taken up soon.

Replying to Chickballapur MLA Pradeep Eshwar, who raised the issue of misappropriation to the tune of ₹2,000 crore, the Minister said the Public Affairs Committee and Comptroller and Auditor General reports have pointed out scams and misappropriation by the previous government during the pandemic.

Responding to a question by C.K. Ramamurthy on irregularities in the State-run Jayanagar General Hospital, the Minister said he will inspect the hospital in a day or two to understand the ground reality.

SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
2023-2024 - 6th STATE FINANCE COMMISSION (6th SFC)
TENDER NOTICE
Roc.No. E4/4917/2023 NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER (NIT) Date: 18.07.2023

1. Tender are Invited for eligible bidders for works of woks in Salem City Municipal Corporation. under 6th SFC Grant for the year 2023-2024.
2. The Minimum value of single package is Rs.43.30 Lakhs and the Maximum value of 100.00 Lakhs.
3. The details of the tender shall be obtained from web portal: **www.tn.tenders.gov.in**
4. The tender document shall be downloaded from **19.07.2023** to **03.08.2023** from the web portal: **www.tn.tenders.gov.in**
5. The Last date for downloading the tender document and the last date for uploading /submission of filled up tender document is up to **3.00 pm**. on **03.08.2023**
6. The received tenders will be opened at **3.30 pm** on **03.08.2023** at the office of Salem City Municipal Corporation.
7. The value of each work and the details of Earnest money Deposit and the eligibility of bidder are given in the concern work / tender notice
8. Bid document and other information available at (free of cost) **https://tntenders.gov.in** "e submission" is also permitted. Date, time and Venue for Tender Procedures.
   Submission of bids - **19.07.2023** up to **03.08.2023 - 3.00 P.M.**
   Opening of bids - **03.08.2023** at **3.30 P.M**

DIPR/3753/Tender/2023
Commissioner, Salem Corporation.
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TAMIL NADU FIBRENET CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
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e-Tender Notice

1.	Tender Inviting Authority, Designation and Address	General Manager (Projects 2), TANFINET Corporation, 807, 5th Floor, P.T.Lee Chengalvaraya Naicker Maaligai, Anna Salai, Chennai-2.
2.	a) Name of the work	**Expression of Interest for Empanelment of Last Mile Agency(LMA) for Providing connectivity from TANFINET PoP to Customer Premises Location including Govt. Offices & Households on Revenue Share Basis**
	b) Tender reference	**001/TANFINET/EOI/LMA/2023**
	c) Place of Execution	Tamil Nadu
3.	Tender Document available place, cost for obtaining tender	**https://tntenders.gov.in** in the e-Tender portal. **19.07.2023 at 11:00 AM.**
4.	Earnest Money Deposit amount	**Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only)**
5.	Pre-Bid meeting	**27.07.2023 at 03:00 PM** as per the tender document
6.	Bid submission start date and time	**08.08.2023 at 11:00 AM,** as per the tender document
7.	Due date, time and place for submission of tender	**14.08.2023 at 03:00 PM,** as per the tender document
8.	Place, Date and Time of tender opening	**14.08.2023 at 04:00 PM,** as per the tender document

DIPR/3761/TENDER/2023
General Manager (Projects 2), Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited.
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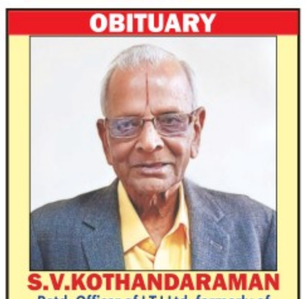
OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY



S.V.KOTHANDARAMAN
Retd. Officer of I.T.I Ltd, formerly of Govt of India Press & Publications Division, passed away on 14th July 2023.
He was 94.A noble soul, with a brilliant mind and a strong, brave heart, he will be deeply missed.
Wife, Daughter, Son-in-law, Family & Friends.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

20th ANNIVERSARY

K.P.SUBRAMANIAM
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Automotive Ancillary Services Pvt. Ltd.
Fondly Remembered by
K.S.MOHAN, UMA MURALI, SHWETHA, SHRADHA, AMRUTHAVARSHINI & APSARA

REMEMBRANCE

REMEMBRANCE DAY

K.R.RANJITH KUMAR
09.01.1975 19.07.2007
You still live in our hearts
Daddy, Mummy, Uncle, Sneha & Tharangini (Daughter)

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Public is hereby informed that our client has agreed to purchase the property from **1) Smt. Lakshmamma** (wife of Late Mariyappa), **2) Ramesh. M, 3) Prakash, 4) M. Suresh, 5) Indira.M, 6) Ambika.M, 7) Rama.M, 8) Lakshman.M** (Parties 2 to 8 are only children of Late Mariyappa), all residing at No 8/9-18, 3rd Main, Chikka Adugodi, Bangalore South, Bangalore- 560029, who are the legal heirs of Late Mariyappa who had acquired the same vide a Sale deed dt 30-10-1996 registered as Document No 3180/96-97, in Book -1, in the Office of Sub registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore executed by The Aircraft Employees Cooperative Co-operative Society Limited.

Any person, if having any claim over the property may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered Post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within **Seven days** hereof, failing which our client will proceed to complete the sale formalities on the basis that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of site demarked as Site No.812 [AECS Layout -Block 'B'], now bearing **BBMP Khata No 860/812,** situated at Survey Nos. 6/1, 6/2, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, 8/5, 8/6, 10/1, 10/3, 15/1P, 17P, 18, 19, 21/1, 21/3, 22/1, 22/2, 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4, 23/5, 23/6, 23/7, 23/8, 23/9, 23/10, 23/11, 23/12, 23/13, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, 25/6, 26/1P, 26/3, 27/1A, 27/1B, 27/2, 28/1A, 28/1B, 28/2, 28/3, 28/4, 28/5, 29/2, 30/1, 30/2, 31, 32/2, 32/3, 36, 38, 39, 43/1, 44, 46, 61/1, 61/2, 62, 63, 64, 67/1, 67/2, 67/3, 67/4, 67/6, 68/1, 72/1, 72/2, 72/3, 72/4, 73, 74, 75/1, 75/2, 75/3, 75/4, 75/5, 75/6, 75/7, 75/8, 75/9, 76/1, 76/3, 76/4, 77/1, 77/2, 77/3, 77/4, 77/5, 77/6, 78, 79/1, 79/2, 79/3, 79/4, 79/5, 79/6, 79/7, 79/8, 79/9, 80, 81/1, 81/2A, 81/2B, 81/2C, 81/3A, 81/3B, 83, 84, 85, 91/1, 91/2, 94/1, 94/2, 95, 96/1P, 96/2, 96/3, 97/1B, 97/2, 102/1, 102/2, 103/1, 103/3, 103/4, 103/5B, 103/6, 104/2, 105/1P, 105/2, 105/3, 106/1P, 106/2P, 106/3, 106/4, 105/5, 106/6, 109, 111/1 and 111/2 of Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District , in the Layout plan of THE AIRCRAFT EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED approved by the Bangalore Development Authority and as per the order of the Bangalore Development Authority dated 12-11-1992 No. BDA/TPM/DD/1263/92-93 related to the plots of lands and measuring NORTH To SOUTH 58' Feet [17.678 Metres] and EAST To WEST 40' Feet [12.195 Metres] measuring in all 257.77 Square Yards or 215.64 Squares Metres, together with all rights, appurtenances whatever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

NORTH by : Site No.803. **SOUTH by :** Road.
EAST by : Site No.813. **WEST by :** Site No.811.

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Date: 18-07-2023, Bangalore.

Department of Agriculture
Commissionerate of Agriculture,
Seshadri Road, Bengaluru
No.DDA(F&M)MNR/R.C/e-TN/63/2022-23 Date:12.07.2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Technical and Commercial bids are invited through GoK e-Procurement portal from the registered manufacturers/ authorized distributors for **Micronutrents(ZnSo4-21%, Borax-10.5%) Micronutrient Mixtures (GRADE1(3)-Powder GRADE II(2)-Powder, GRADE1(3)-Liquid which are required for various Departmental programmes for the year 2023-24.** e-Tender documents, payment details and all other information is available in e-Procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) fixed per product from minimum **Rs.95,000/-** to estimated amount specified in the tender document. Tender should be uploaded through e-Procurement portal **on or before 31.07.2023 within 5.00 P.M.** Copy of the documents uploaded should be submitted one day before opening of technical bid to Deputy Director of Agriculture, Fertilizer and Manure Section, Commissionerate of Agriculture, Sheshadri Road, Bengaluru. The Tender Scrutinizing Committee will open the Technical bid on **02.08.2023 at 11.00 AM** in the **Sambrama Conference Hall, Department of Agriculture, Sheshadri Road, Bengaluru-560 001** The date of Commercial bid opening will be communicated later. Total Estimated Cost of the Tender: **Rs. 100 Lakhs.**

Sd/- Director of Agriculture
DIPR/DD-C.P/590/KSMCA/2023-24

UNIVERSITY OF HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES, BAGALKOT.
OFFICE OF THE ESTATE OFFICER
Udyanagiri, Near Simikeri, By-Pass Road, Bagalkot - 587104.
No.: SPO/EO/UHSB/TN-177/2022-23 Date : 18-07-2023

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot is inviting Tender for the **Laboratory Equipments** for the use of **Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kolar.** The interested suppliers are requested to participate in the tender online through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. For more details, please contact Ph. No.: 08354-230258** and visit the link **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for detailed specification, conditions and schedule of events and notification.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1	**Last Date and Time for Tender Queries / Clarification.**	**24-07-2023**	@	**14.00 Hrs**
2	**Pre Bid Meeting (Applicable for Sl. No. 01 item only).**	**26-07-2023**	@	**11.00 Hrs**
3	**Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders.**	**18-08-2023**	@	**16.00 Hrs**
4	**Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid.**	**21-08-2023**	@	**11.00 Hrs**
5	**Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid (if possible).**	**23-08-2023**	@	**12.00 Hrs**

All bidders shall get updated with **Corrigendum / Addendum** received from time to time during the entire tender process by visiting e-procurement portal.

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End of an era in Kerala politics as Cong. veteran Oommen Chandy dies

Doctors attribute the cause of death to complications arising from a prolonged fight with cancer; the veteran Congress leader's body will be interred with full state honours at St. George Orthodox Church cemetery at Puthupally tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Two-time Kerala Chief Minister and Congress veteran Oommen Chandy, MLA, 79, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru at 4.25 a.m. on Tuesday, drawing the curtain on a five-decade-old era in the State's politics.

The government declared Tuesday a public holiday and announced a three-day State mourning.

Doctors attributed the cause of death to complications arising from a prolonged fight with cancer. Mr. Chandy had battled failing health for nearly two years and briefly sought treatment in Germany. However, his condition had worsened in recent days.

Bidding farwell: Congress leader A.K. Antony breaks down while paying last respects to Oommen Chandy, on Tuesday. PTI

A special flight brought the body from Bengaluru to Thiruvananthapuram at 2.30 p.m.

His wife, Mariyamma Oommen, and daughters Maria Oommen and Achu Oommen, and son Chandy Oommen accompanied the body.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi paid their last respects in Bengaluru.

People lined up along roads to pay their last respects to the amiable and mild-mannered leader.

Mr. Chandy's body would be taken in a procession on Wednesday to Kottayam, where it would be kept at Thirunakkara Maidan for public homage.

A second vigil would be held for the departed leader at his ancestral house in Puthuppally.

On Thursday, Mr. Chandy's body would be interred with full state honours at the St. George Orthodox Church cemetery at Puthupally. Mr. Chandy's contemporaries and perhaps closest party colleagues, A.K. Antony and V.M. Sudheeran, joined mourners at the former Chief Minister's private residence at Jagathy.

A galaxy of Left Democratic Front leaders, including Ministers, paid their last respect to a man widely remembered as a colossus who walked with a gentle tread through the pages of Kerala's modern-day political history.

Passing of a genial leader leaves Congress bereft

G. Anand

Oommen Chandy's genial affability and natural authority, gained through five demanding decades in parliamentary politics, had often helped hold the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) coalition together even when its grip on power was tenuous, as during 2011-16 when it won the Assembly elections by a slender margin.

The veteran's death seemed to have left Congress bereft at a challenging time as it readies for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Mr. Chandy's election to the Assembly from Puthuppally in Kottayam catapulted him to the centre stage of Congress politics in Kerala in the 1970s. He served the constituency for the next 53 years. Puthuppally has never broken faith with him since.

Mr. Chandy was Chief Minister from 2004 to 2006 and from 2011 to 2016. He also served as Leader of the Opposition from 2006 to 2011.

The Congress mourned the loss of a leader whose almost magical combination of strategy, craftiness, tactics, diplomacy and bipartisan camaraderie steered the UDF out of tight spots.

For the common folk far removed from the halls of power, Mr. Chandy came across as a genial, compassionate and liberal antithesis to several combative and stand-offish leaders of his time. His empathy for a mentally distressed intruder who perched himself in the Chief Minister's chair at his office in 2011 remains a subject of anecdote and hilarity. He ordered the police to escort the person home gently.

ILLUSTRATION: SATHEESH VELLINEZHI

During his first stint as Chief Minister, Mr. Chandy set the ball rolling on mega infrastructure projects, including Vizhinjam port, Kochi metro rail, Sabarimala master plan and Kannur airport, to name a few. During his second tenure during 2011-16, Mr. Chandy sat at crowded public grievance redressal hearings from dawn to late at night.

However, bad publicity from scandals, some sordid, battered the second Chandy government despite the Chief Minister's best intentions.

The incidents reportedly caused Mr. Chandy to perceive politics with a touch of sorrow-filled regret.

SC asks CBI to produce chargesheet in ex-Minister murder case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to place on record its chargesheet and the police records in the murder case of former Andhra Pradesh Minister Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy in 2019.

The Bench also directed the Central agency to file its reply to a petition filed by Suneetha Narreddy, the daughter of the former Minister, challenging the anticipatory bail granted by the Telangana High Court to Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy, whose alleged role in the crime is under investigation.

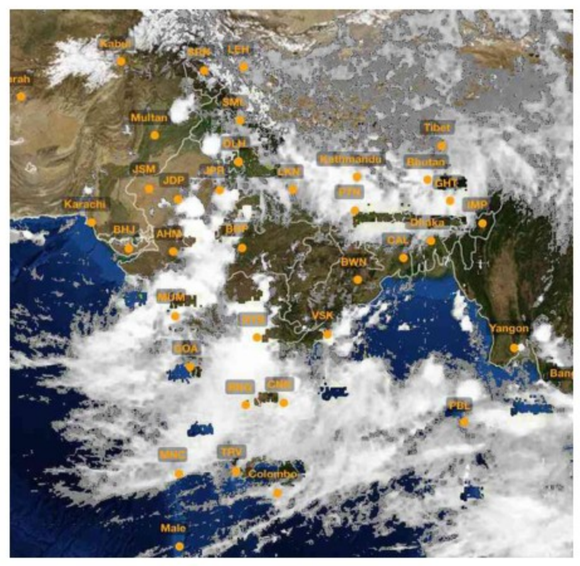
The CBI chargesheet was filed on June 30, the deadline stipulated by the Supreme Court to complete the probe. The Bench listed the case for hearing on September 11.

Counsel for Ms. Narreddy had accused Avinash Reddy of refusing to join the CBI probe despite repeated notices to appear for questioning.

Counsel had argued that the Telangana High Court had held a "mini-trial" and made comments on the merits of the prosecution case "virtually accepting" Avinash Reddy's narrative while "disregarding the evidence collected by the CBI", in contravention of the law laid down by the Supreme Court that merits of the case cannot be discussed while hearing a bail plea.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, coastal & interior Karnataka, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.8	25.8	Kozhikode	2	33.2	25.6
Ahmedabad	—	34.3	28.0	Kurnool	3	30.0	24.7
Aizawl	—	34.5	21.0	Lucknow	—	34.2	28.0
Allahabad	1.3	34.8	28.4	Madurai	—	37.5	25.7
Bengaluru	0.2	28.8	20.6	Mangaluru	14	29.8	24.1
Bhopal	13	—	24.6	Mumbai	120	27.6	24.4
Bhubaneswar	—	33.5	25.2	Mysuru	2	31.7	21.7
Chandigarh	—	32.8	28.6	New Delhi	—	33.4	27.4
Chennai	—	36.4	28.8	Patna	—	35.7	27.3
Coimbatore	—	33.4	24.0	Port Blair	3	30.0	26.2
Dehradun	83	28.9	23.8	Puducherry	0.4	35.8	27.3
Gangtok	38	21.9	17.6	Pune	9.4	25.8	22.4
Goa	26	28.1	23.8	Raipur	27	30.6	25.6
Guwahati	1	36.1	24.8	Ranchi	6	29.4	23.1
Hubballi	—	26.0	23.0	Shillong	2	27.8	18.0
Hyderabad	9	24.7	22.1	Shimla	—	22.4	18.0
Imphal	—	33.1	21.7	Srinagar	—	33.1	20.7
Jaipur	—	33.4	27.7	Thiruvananthapuram	0.2	31.0	25.8
Kochi	3	30.8	26.0	Tiruchi	—	37.7	27.0
Kohima	1	27.5	17.4	Vijayawada	0.2	28.8	27.0
Kolkata	14	34.3	27.0	Visakhapatnam	3	27.8	25.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.26	.43	.74	57	116	
Bengaluru	8	.23	.73	30	108	
Chennai	4	136	.55	97	88	
Delhi	9	.11	.51	104	120	
Hyderabad	8	5	.24	56	75	
Kolkata	6	.18	.21	29	31	
Lucknow	4	.25	.33	113	126	
Mumbai	.48	116	.17	15	37	
Pune	132	222	109	37	33	
Visakhapatnam	.16	.51	.25	46	69	

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Hanumangarh, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 325 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

ED freezes ₹41.9 cr. in fixed deposit held by T.N. Minister, son

R. Sivaraman
CHENNAI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said on Tuesday that it had seized ₹81.7 lakh in unaccounted-for cash and froze ₹41.9 crore in fixed deposit held by Tamil Nadu Minister for Higher Education K. Ponmudy and his son and DMK MP Gautham Sigamani.

The two were questioned by ED officers for the second day after the searches on Monday at the properties linked to them.

The case involves the alleged illegal issuance by Mr. Ponmudy of licences for red sand mining at five locations to his son, relatives, and benamis when he had served as the Minister for Mines between 2007 and 2011.

The ED alleged that the proceeds from illegal mining were deposited in benami accounts and layered through multiple transactions and accounts.

Eventually, two overseas entities – PT Excel Mengindo in Indonesia and Universal Business Ventures FZE in the UAE – were acquired. The Indonesian company was shown to have been bought for a nominal amount of ₹41.57 lakh. It was sold for over ₹100 crore in 2022. The ED said it was suspected that a huge amount of cash was transferred through 'hawala' transactions and used for the purchase of these overseas entities. During the search, ₹81.7 lakh in unaccounted-for cash was seized, along with unexplained foreign currency, from the residence of Mr. Ponmudy, the ED said.

Tomato blues

Against all odds: Consumers waiting in a queue, braving the rain, to buy tomatoes at a subsidised price of ₹50 a kg at the MVP Rythu Bazaar in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday. K.R. DEEPAK

SC posts appeals against Pinarayi in SNC-Lavalin case for hearing on September 12

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The corruption case concerns loss of ₹86.25 crore in the Kerala State Electricity Board's contract with Lavalin

The Supreme Court on Tuesday listed the appeals in the SNC-Lavalin corruption case against the discharge of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for hearing on September 12.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Dipankar Datta listed the case in September as Justice Kant is part of a Constitution Bench scheduled to begin hearing the challenge against the dilution of Article 370 from August 2.

The adjournment on Tuesday was sought as Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju, appearing for the CBI, was engaged in another court. The separate appeals, filed by the CBI and some of the accused who were not discharged in the Lavalin case, had seen repeated adjournments since January 2018. When the case came up previously in April, Justice C.T. Ravikumar had recused himself.

In an earlier hearing, the court had cautioned the CBI that it would need to bolster its appeal against Mr. Vijayan with "very strong arguments" as two courts – trial court and the Kerala High Court – had already discharged him of any wrong-doing.

The corruption case concerns the loss of ₹86.25 crore in the Kerala State Electricity Board's contract with Lavalin for the renovation and modernisation of Pallivasai, Sengulam, and Panniar hydroelectric projects in Idukki district of Kerala.

Mr. Vijayan was the State's Power Minister then.

BJP, Jana Sena, TDP need to join hands to defeat YSRCP: Pawan

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Jana Sena Party president Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday said that the BJP, the Telugu Desam Party and the JSP need to join hands to dethrone the YSRCP in the 2024 Assembly poll in Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Kalyan, who was invited for the NDA meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday, told presspersons that a "formidable person (Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy) and party (YSRCP) are ruling the State. All Opposition parties should come together to fight the YSRCP. I hope all the three parties will join hands for the cause."

Asked if he was in the race for the Chief Minister post, Mr. Kalyan said, "Every party feels that the Chief Minister post is theirs. The election results will decide that. It all depends on the strength each party gains in the elections. Now, the priority is to provide stability and development for the people of Andhra Pradesh."

Mr. Kalyan alleged that the incumbent government was plagued by corruption. "The State government is unable to pay salaries to employees in time. It is going for loans at an interest rate of 8% to 10%... The people are up in arms against the government," he said.

A fascinating fusion of rock art in A.P.'s Rudragiri

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Rudragiri hillock, located in the village of Orvakallu, Atchampet mandal, in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, boasts a celebrated historical past and remarkable archaeological monuments.

This site unveils a fascinating combination of prehistoric rock paintings from the Mesolithic period and exquisite artwork from the Kakatiya dynasty. D. Kanna Babu, former Superintending Archaeologist of the Temple Survey Project (Southern Region) at the Archaeological Survey of India, shared his discoveries with *The Hindu*, shedding light on the significance of this hidden gem.

Rudragiri, nestled amidst the Eastern Ghats, features five naturally formed rock shelters at its foothills, facing westward. These shelters served as living quarters for people during the Mesolithic age around 5000 B.C., and they bear witness to the luminous rock paintings of that era.

Captivating scene: Drawing depicting the intense battle between the Vanara brothers — Vali and Sugriva. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Interestingly, two natural caves at the southern end of the hillock also exhibit exceptional murals from the renowned Kakatiya kingdom.

Artistic brilliance

Mr. Kanna Babu described the physical condition of the Kakatiya artworks.

"These caves showcase the artistic brilliance of the Kakatiya period. While many have suffered damage over time due to exposure to the elements, some sketches and outlines have managed to survive. The paintings, adorned with a variety of colours derived from white kaolin and different pigments, depict captivating scenes from the epic Ramayana. Despite the impact of nature's wrath, fragments of these paintings offer valuable insights into their creation during the 13th century A.D.," he said.

The first cave, starting from the southern end of the hillock, presents a narrative mural portraying the intense battle between the Vanara brothers – Vali and Sugriva.

In the middle cave, a grand sketch of Hanuman, accompanied by sacred symbols of the conch (Sankha) and the fire altar (Yagna Vedi), captures visitors' attention. Hanuman is depicted carrying the Sanjivani hill in his hand, symbolising his mission to save Lakshmana's life.

The third cave houses the prehistoric rock paintings from the Mesolithic era. Interestingly, the Kakatiya artist chose the same rock shelter to superimpose the elegant figure of Hanuman, who is portrayed in a unique 'Anjali' posture, folding his hands in a divine offering.

Remarkably, the Ramayana figures neither overshadow the Mesolithic drawings nor diminish their scenic beauty.

Visitors today can marvel at the ancient drawings from two distinct periods, appreciating the artistic techniques employed.

Selective prosecution

Probe agencies should not allow politics to colour their investigation

Politics and law may be inseparable, but the first may sometimes overshadow the second, especially when it comes to prosecution of political leaders. An ongoing example is the spike in the activity of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Tamil Nadu. Close on the heels of the arrest of V. Senthilbalaji, now a Minister without portfolio in the DMK regime, and the legal wrangling over the legality of his arrest and remand, another high-profile Minister, K. Ponmudy, is under the ED's investigation. While the agency may have good reason to investigate and prosecute them, it does appear that they have been chosen for such action from among many political functionaries in the State who have pending probes against them. Both Mr. Senthilbalaji, who has now been shifted from a private hospital to a prison in Chennai, and Mr. Ponmudy, the Minister for Higher Education, face serious charges. Mr. Senthilbalaji was embroiled in a cash-for-jobs scam during his stint as Transport Minister in an earlier AIADMK regime, and had tried to wriggle out of it after money allegedly collected from job aspirant candidates by intermediaries was "returned" to them. However, court orders have kept the investigation alive. In the case of Mr. Ponmudy, he is accused of allowing red sand quarrying in excess of permissible limits as a Minister for Mines and Mineral Resources between 2007 and 2011; and granting quarrying licences to his son, friends and relatives.

The ED entered the picture to probe possible money laundering in handling the proceeds of the crimes. The agency has successfully warded off a stiff challenge to the legality of Mr. Senthilbalaji's arrest and remand, but it must do more to put all facts in the public domain to show that its actions are justified. However, except for some court-ordered CBI probes and income-tax proceedings, central agencies appear to be doing little by way of pursuing allegations against members of the erstwhile AIADMK regime. The issue of granting sanction to the CBI to prosecute former AIADMK Ministers is "under legal consideration", according to the Tamil Nadu Governor, even while the Union Home Ministry has accorded sanction in respect of two former IPS officers in the same case. It will be difficult to credit central agencies with taking timely action against corruption, if only parties identified with the Opposition are brought under their investigative ambit. Venality among political leaders is a fact in respect of some and a perception suffered by all those in public life. Therefore, agencies statutorily empowered to investigate and prosecute them must demonstrate their fairness and impartiality, if their searches, raids and arrests are to command credibility among the public.

An anachronism

The Commonwealth Games will struggle to be financially viable

With less than three years to go, the decision of the Government of Victoria, Australia, to withdraw from the hosting of the 2026 Commonwealth Games (CWG) has come as a mighty blow to the sporting movement. After Birmingham replaced Durban for the 2022 edition, this is the second consecutive occasion when the original host city is unable to host the games due to financial issues. Victoria, which had uniquely proposed to organise the games over a region, had initially estimated a budget of AUS$2.6 billion, but its Premier, Daniel Andrews, said the costs could go beyond AUS$6 billion, which to him is too much for a 12-day sporting event. Without federal funding and with Victoria struggling due to its increasing debts, he said he could not take money out of hospitals and schools in order to fund the event. Even though the development has come as a huge embarrassment for Australia, which has hosted five CWG editions (including 2018 Gold Coast), Prime Minister Anthony Albanese looked forward to hosting the women's football World Cup and 2032 Brisbane Olympics, which would run on a different revenue model over a longer period of time. Still, the country may have to deal with credibility issues in the run-up to Brisbane 2032. According to the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), which was given only an eight hours notice, the decision to add more sports and changed plans for venues added considerable expenses.

Commonwealth Games Australia chief executive Craig Phillips said that the costs overrun was a gross exaggeration while Victoria's Leader of Opposition John Pesutto termed the cancellation 'a massive humiliation'. The development has put a question mark over the future of big-ticket multi-sport events because of the staggering financial burden involved with the hosting. While the hosts have been looking at ways of controlling cost escalation, the rising expenses have made the conduct of such games virtually a privilege for bigger economies. That only five countries have staged 18 out of 22 editions of the CWG, which began as the British Empire Games (1930), and no African nation has ever hosted the Olympics, point to this. The uncertainty surrounding the CWG will disappoint the Indian sportspersons, who have done well in these games, including in 2010 when Delhi hosted it. Thousands of athletes from 72 Commonwealth nations and territories will hope that the CGF succeeds in the onerous task of finding an alternative host. But questions will continue to be asked on the need for what many might consider an anachronistic event, a coming together of nations on the basis of shared colonial history, and not geography.

India, France and what keeps their ties ticking

Suhasini Haidar

In 1998, India put France in what should have been a tough spot. Just a few months after French President Jacques Chirac had been the chief guest at the Republic Day Parade in Delhi, and Prime Minister I.K. Gujral signed India's first ever Strategic Partnership agreement with him, newly elected Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee announced that nuclear tests had been conducted in Pokhran (Pokhran-II), in May. In the United Nations (UN) Security Council, French diplomats joined the P-5 countries in condemning the tests, but did not join (along with the United Kingdom and Russia) the United States-led move to impose sanctions on India. Nor did France scrap the Strategic Partnership Agreement.

The philosophy behind the relationship

Throughout their relationship, New Delhi and Paris have built a tradition of joining each other's national day parades – Chirac himself was guest at India's Republic Day twice (his first appearance was in 1976), Valéry Giscard d'Estaing (1980), Nicolas Sarkozy (2008) and François Hollande (2016) have been guests since, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (2009) and now Prime Minister Narendra Modi were invited to the Bastille Day parade. While the purchase of defence equipment often overshadows the outcome of any of these big visits, it is the underlying philosophy of their engagement that propels India and France ties forward. Both countries have held on to three pillars in the relationship: non-interference in each other's internal affairs, a steadfast belief in strategic autonomy as expressed by President Charles De Gaulle, and non-alignment, as expressed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, and a refusal to pull the other into its own coalitions and alliances.

The awkwardness in 1998, after all, would have been nothing in comparison to Chirac's visit to India in 1976. Not six months before that, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had declared the Emergency, and suspended freedoms in a move that was criticised across the world. But Chirac, who was the Prime Minister of France, saw no reason to cancel his visit. In December 1975, France had hosted the "Paris Conference on International Economic Cooperation", that looked at the impact of the global energy crisis on developing countries that rose from U.S.-Arab tensions over the Yom Kippur war. India was one of a few invitees to the preparatory committee of the conference. When Chirac was in Delhi in January, he praised India's role in bringing disparate global positions together. Space, nuclear energy and defence were, even then, the cornerstones of the relationship. In 2006, Chirac returned to Delhi, to lay the stage for the civil nuclear deal. When India won its waiver at the Nuclear Suppliers Group in 2008, it was France (it had done much of the heavy lifting for the waiver), and not the U.S., that India signed its first civil nuclear deal with.

> The formula is geopolitics without value judgements, and no pressure to align their respective positions

Writing about his decisions in his memoirs, Chirac, who confessed a "youthful love and passion" for India and a teenage attempt at learning Sanskrit, said that for him the Strategic Partnership was "a means of establishing the primary role that India, by reason of its history, democratic choices, attachment to secularism, coexistence of different peoples, languages, and cultures, was called on to play in the aim of creating a more equally balanced world" (Chirac, Jacques, *My Life in Politics*, p.212).

Mr. Modi's visit to Paris last week saw many of the same shades of the partnership: India's Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra pointed out that despite the dramatic visuals of violent protests across France last month over the mistreatment of immigrant communities, Mr. Modi had not hesitated even once in planning his visit. Neither did France bring up the European Parliament's criticism of India over the violence in Manipur, or allegations of human rights violations, intolerance towards minorities and curbing civil society freedoms – these were referred to in the resolution adopted by Member of the European Parliament at the plenary session in Strasbourg during July 10-13, and on the day Mr. Modi landed in France.

The Ukraine war

On a major geopolitical stage, this combination of non-interference and non-alliances plays into France's approach towards the Narendra Modi government's position on the war in Ukraine. In March 2022, a month into this war, France co-authored a UN Security Council resolution with Mexico that sought to ensure unhindered humanitarian aid be allowed inside the conflict zone. Two rounds of negotiations followed, with hopes in particular of winning over countries such as India, given the humanitarian issue. The resolution was eventually brought to the UN General Assembly when that effort failed, but no word of disappointment was expressed by Paris when India abstained there. Through the war, President Emmanuel Macron's own stance has been more complex than that of other western countries – even risking ridicule over the seven to eight extended calls he made to Russian President Vladimir Putin and a visit to Moscow in an attempt to talk Mr. Putin out of the war.

More recently, Mr. Macron suggested he would travel to South Africa for the BRICS summit in August, if invited, to make his case there. Understanding and sharing some of the complexity with which they view the world, New Delhi did not have differences with France over Mr. Macron's visit to China in April this year, including his statement that Europe cannot be a "vassal state" to the U.S. on its China policy.

Strategic partnerships

In the strategic sphere, France announced publicly that it disapproves of a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)-plus partnership plans, that would see the Trans-Atlantic alliance build direct ties with Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea and even India. New Delhi had already rejected the plan – External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has said that NATO "is not a template that applies to India". As a result, despite a push from several countries, the NATO Summit in Vilnius this month dropped a mention of the project. The India-France Roadmap on the Indo-Pacific released last week further clarifies that neither side is attempting to pull the other into its other regional military coalitions. France was cool to plans for "Quad-Plus" coalitions, first floated in 2020, which were more or less dropped after the U.S.-France rift over the AUKUS agreement (the U.S, the U.K. and Australia). France is also the only country the Indian Navy has conducted joint patrols with so far, and future plans could involve the use of French international territories in Reunion, New Caledonia and French Polynesia, and even India's Andaman Islands, for port calls and reconnaissance by both navies on a bilateral basis.

While India's ties with each of the P-5 countries is unique, the feature that sets apart the India-France relationship is this – geopolitics sans value judgements, and no pressure to align their positions.

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A push for GM mustard disregarding science, the law

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A determined battle by environmentalists in the Supreme Court of India against Delhi University's genetically modified (GM) herbicide-tolerant (HT) mustard is all that stands between GM food and Indian farmers and consumers. GM crops are quite different from conventional varieties and hybrids, such as those developed by farmers, agricultural research institutions and companies. Biotechnologists insert select genes at a random location in the DNA of a plant to develop a GM crop. The insertion makes a GM crop express traits that it ordinarily would not. For instance, GM mustard has been altered to withstand the broad-spectrum plant-killer or herbicide glufosinate. This makes it easier to develop hybrid mustard seeds for higher yields. And farmers growing GM mustard can spray the herbicide to kill all plants except the mustard.

GM crops in India, the debate

India has seen a robust debate on GM crops in the last two decades. Environmentalists, scientists, politicians, farmers, consumers and the higher judiciary have asked probing questions about the safety, efficacy and even the very necessity of GM food.

Many have been alarmed by the experience with Bt cotton, the first and only GM crop approved in the country. Long-term research suggests that Bt cotton has provided only fleeting benefits to farmers, while enormously increasing their costs of cultivation and risk. On the other hand, some seed companies have profited handsomely from the expensive GM seeds.

In the wake of the fierce debate, two Standing Committees of the Parliament independently and comprehensively examined GM crops and food. The Supreme Court also appointed a Technical Expert Committee (TEC) in the public interest litigations filed separately by the non-government organisation Gene Campaign and the environmentalist, Aruna Rodrigues.

> Rather than engaging with constitutional issues involving public health, environmental protection and agricultural livelihoods, the government is disregarding facts and logic before the Supreme Court with an emphasis on precaution. Instead, the government is pushing ahead with GM mustard with reckless disregard for both science and the law. For instance, it has not placed the full biosafety dossier of GM mustard in the public domain, despite the provisions of the Right To Information Act and a declaration to this effect by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee of the Environment Ministry. Nor is it adequately responding to criticisms from agricultural scientists that already available non-GM mustard hybrids have better yields than GM mustard.

Thus there are two reports concerning GM food from the highest legislative body in the country – one by the Standing Committee on Agriculture in 2012 during Manmohan Singh's government, and another by the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests in 2017 during Narendra Modi's government. Both committees included Members of Parliament from the ruling and Opposition parties.

Convergence in risk assessment

Working across an interval of five years, the two committees unanimously highlighted major weaknesses in the regulatory system, and called for utmost caution before releasing GM food. The Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests made a specific reference to GM mustard, and asked the government to conduct a thorough, independent, and transparent assessment of long-term biosafety, environmental risk and socio-economic impacts. Five of the six TEC members also pointed to grave deficiencies in the safety assessment of GM crops in their report that was released in 2013. They found HT crops "completely unsuitable in the Indian context" and warned of serious harm to the environment, rural livelihoods and sustainable agriculture if they were released.

This is a case of decisive convergence among noted scientists and the people's elected representatives. This is as compelling a case as can be against releasing any HT crop, and for comprehensively strengthening regulation before allowing GM food. Such convergence refutes the prejudice that critics of GM crops are against development.

Given the overwhelming political and technical consensus, the government needs to approach the issue of HT crops transparently and robustly

Misleading the court

In recent hearings in the Supreme Court, to get around the growing evidence of long-term ecological and health risks of HT crops, the government has argued that GM mustard should not be considered HT at all – since the objective for developing it was to improve yields. In fact, a crop that can withstand herbicides is an HT crop. As far as the science of biotechnology and ecology go, there is no doubt that GM mustard is an HT crop. The government's argument is nothing but a red herring, designed perhaps to confuse the Supreme Court. It would be shocking if scientists involved with developing GM mustard were to go along with misleading the Court and the public.

The apparent disregard with which the government is steamrolling science-based concerns and opposition to GM mustard is horrifying. Instead of seriously engaging with constitutional issues involving public health, environmental protection and agricultural livelihoods, the government is making a mockery of facts and logic before the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court allows GM mustard to go through, it will likely pave the way for the release of other HT crops such as cotton, rice, and maize. The future of farming and India's food culture and heritage hangs in the balance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The run-up to 2024

That most of the viable Opposition parties have come together to fight the next general election in 2024 is a development that must not invite cynicism. The country cannot make a break with its important values such as secularism and federalism. These are also some of the parties that have a strong base in their respective States. A people-oriented Common Minimum Programme should aim to enable employment and also ensure a peaceful environment for all.

A.G. Rajmohan,
Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh

Both the ruling and Opposition parties appear to be getting ready for a competitive show of strength ahead of the Lok Sabha election in 2024. This shows that the national parties do recognise that the regional parties have a vital role to play. It is a pity that parties design strategies to win elections but not to resolve people's issues.

Kshirasagara Balaji Rao,
Hyderabad

Small States and revenue

There is a necessity for small States to prioritise the raising of their own revenue to reduce their vulnerabilities ('Datapoint', Opinion page, July 18). Revenue generation can be tricky, where an increase in taxation may not be received well. It is here that promises made during elections need to be thought over as freebies can eat into revenue. The challenge also lies in having a cushion.

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

Oommen Chandy

The passing of veteran Congress leader and former Chief Minister of Kerala, Oommen Chandy, is a huge loss. The many reforms he enacted during his period of governance will always be remembered. Even when he was in the Opposition, his relentless commitment and unwavering spirit never faded. At a time when India is becoming polarised, he stood for peace and religious harmony.

Adrian David,
Chennai

Indian politics has lost a tall leader who dedicated his life to ensure the welfare of the masses. He will always be remembered as one of the greatest politicians of all time and a charismatic leader who proved that politics means serving the masses. There is much the present-day politician has to learn from him — perseverance, commitment and selflessness.

M. Pradyu,
Thalikavu, Kannur, Kerala

This is the end of a golden era in the annals of political history in Kerala. A down-to-earth and honest leader with mass appeal, Mr. Chandy was someone whom the common man could look up to. His departure is an irreplaceable loss. Kerala stands united in bidding goodbye to a beloved leader.

Dr. Biju C. Mathew,
Thiruvananthapuram

Corrections & Clarifications

The report titled "Opposition meeting will be a game changer, says Congress" (July 18, 2023) erroneously gave the Parliament session start date as July 28. It should be July 20.

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Authorities who misconstrue authority

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The Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 vested a cadre of officers under the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) with powers to prevent money laundering, attach proceeds of crime, and confiscate assets. However, over the last few years, the ED has assumed powers akin to that of a policing agency and has often been accused of turning its gaze against political opponents of the Union government. These concerns were bolstered when the Union government granted ED Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra a third extension, which the Supreme Court struck down.

The ED is not the police

It has been repeatedly held that the PMLA is a *sui generis* legislation, enacted to tackle money laundering through white collar crimes. According to Section 3 of the PMLA, the act of projecting or claiming proceeds of crime to be untainted property constitutes the offence of money laundering. Under the Schedule to the PMLA, a number of offences under the Indian Penal Code and other special statutes have been included, which serve as the basis for the offence of money laundering. In other words, the existence of predicate offence is sine qua non to charge someone of money laundering. It is crucial to note that the investigation and prosecution of the predicate offence is done typically by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or the State Police.

Section 50 of the PMLA provides powers of a civil court to the ED authorities for summoning persons suspected of money laundering and recording statements. However, the Supreme Court held that ED authorities are not police officers. It observed in *Vijay Madanlal Choudhary v. Union of India* (2022) that "the process envisaged by Section 50 of the PMLA is in the nature of an inquiry against the proceeds of crime and is not 'investigation' in strict sense of the term for initiating prosecution."

There are other dissimilarities between ED authorities and the police. While the police are required to register a First Information Report (FIR) for a cognisable offence before conducting an investigation, ED authorities begin with search procedures and undertake their investigation for the purpose of gathering materials and tracing the 'proceeds of crime' by issuing summons. Any statement made by an accused to the police is inadmissible as evidence in court, whereas a statement made to an ED authority is admissible. A copy of the FIR is accessible to the accused, whereas the Enforcement Case Information Report is seldom available.

During the discussion on the PMLA Bill in the Rajya Sabha in 2022, the erstwhile Union Minister of Finance, Jaswant Singh, said that he was "not entrusted with the responsibility of acting as a policeman of the country or acting as a policeman on the economic morals of the country." He added, "It is not... the intention of the Government to have a piece of legislation which can be used as a... disguise for political vendetta or political revenge-taking."

These words were likely in reference to the powers of arrest under Section 19 of the PMLA, which permits superior ED authorities to arrest any person whom they have "reason to believe" is guilty of money laundering based on the material in their possession. Combined with the stringent conditions for grant of bail under Section 45 of the PMLA, the spectre of arrest by the ED is always real and present. However, the use of the phrase "reason to believe" indicates that the ED authorities must satisfy themselves of the need for arrest and that such belief must pass the reasonableness test. As such, this should be the test that courts assessing the necessity of remand must apply, but seldom do.

Over the last year or so, the ED has arrested Ministers of the Delhi government, Satyender Jain and Manish Sisodia; former Minister from the Shiv Sena, Nawab Malik; former Principal Secretary to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, M. Sivasankar; Deputy Secretary to Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Saumya Chaurasia; YSRCP MP Srinivasulu Reddy's son, Magunta Raghava Reddy; and Tamil Nadu Minister, V. Senthil Balaji. In spite of such high-profile arrests, the ED has only filed charge-sheets after concluding investigation in only 1,142 cases out of the 5,906 cases registered since 2005. It is apparent that the majority of the focus is unduly spent on effecting pre-trial arrests and not thereafter. It is reported that 85% of cases registered against politicians involve those belonging to the Opposition parties.

Role and purpose

Political malice aside, this raises another fundamental question about the role and purpose of the ED. While the police investigating the predicate offence are empowered to arrest and seek custody of the accused, the ED is meant to focus on recovering the proceeds of crime in order to redistribute the same to victims. It is not clear whether the ED has managed to do this. Per contra, the Proceeds of Crime Act, 2002, the analogous legislation in the U.K., almost entirely concentrates on confiscation of assets through dedicated civil proceedings.

Unfortunately, of late, much of the ED's powers have been discharged in effecting pre-trial arrests, which used to be the prerogative of the police investigating the predicate offence. In the past, the CBI was used to impart fear among political opponents. In the process, the agency received the condemnation of various courts and earned the nickname "caged parrot". Whether the ED will go down the same path or reorient its approach will entirely depend on the intervention of the country's constitutional courts.

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Building 'anti-Hindu' narratives again

The BJP is employing an old strategy to attack the Congress in Karnataka

STATE OF PLAY

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The BJP, which is yet to elect the Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislature, has been trying to build a campaign around two recent murders in the State. The BJP State unit has formed two fact-finding committees to probe what it terms "communal killings", and has demanded that the cases be handed over to Central agencies. It has also complained to the Governor that "law and order has broken down in the State".

On July 6, a Jain monk, who was heading an ashram in Belagavi in north Karnataka, was reported missing. Two days later, the monk's associate, Narayan Mali, admitted to killing him. Mali led the police to the dismembered remains of the monk, which had been dumped in a borewell. Mali allegedly killed the monk with the help of Hasan Dayalat, who was hired for the purpose, over a financial dispute. Both men have been arrested. The BJP has been demanding a CBI inquiry into the case, alleging that the Congress government is "anti-Hindu" and cannot be trusted to deliver justice. BJP MLA Siddu Savadi even claimed that the Islamic State (IS) was involved in the murder.

The same week, Venugopal Nayak, 32, a member of Yuva Brigade, a Hindutva outfit, was killed in T. Narasipur in Mysuru district in south Karnataka. He was stabbed to death while organising Hanuma Jayanthi celebrations. The BJP alleged that the incident was "communal" and that Nayak was targeted for fighting for Hindutva. It argued that "the series of murders of Hindutva activists had returned to haunt the State." There have been campaigns on social media comparing Karnataka to West Bengal. The BJP has demanded a probe by the NIA into the case. It has also claimed that the killers were associates of Sunil Bose, son of Social Welfare Minister H.C. Mahadevappa.

The police have ruled out any communal angle and arrested six people, all organisers of Hanuma Jayanthi in the same village, who had a tiff with Nayak over a trivial issue. Among those arrested is Shankara, the younger brother of BJP councillor from Mysuru City Corporation, M. Lakshmi.

The Congress has hit back at the BJP, arguing that the cases have been solved and the accused arrested. It has said that the BJP's allegations are factually incorrect. The BJP's campaign has failed to push the government to hand over the cases to central agencies. However, conspiracy theories, most of them accusing the Congress of minority appeasement and being "anti-Hindu", continue to be posted on social media.

This is not a new strategy for the BJP. During its last stint in the Opposition in 2013-18, when Siddaramaiah was the Chief Minister, the party had built similar campaigns around several cases. However, the allegations did not stand after investigation by the CBI in at least three cases and by the Criminal Investigation Department in one case.

The BJP had alleged that former Home Minister and incumbent Energy Minister K.J. George was involved in the "murder" of IAS officer D.K. Ravi and in the abetment of suicide of Deputy Superintend of Police M.K. Ganapathy. The CBI probe concluded that Ravi ended his life over a failed relationship and that Ganapathy's grouse against Mr. George was imaginary. It exonerated the Minister in both the cases. In another case, the BJP alleged that a group of Muslims "with jihadi mentality and links to the IS" had tortured and killed a man from the fisherman community in the coastal town of Honnavar, and claimed that this was part of a series of murders of Hindutva activists in the State. This was made a major electoral plank in 2018. The CBI ruled the death as "accidental" in 2022. In yet another case in 2015, the BJP alleged that a young girl was "gang raped and murdered" by Muslim boys in Thirthahalli, and accused the Congress government of covering it up. However, the probe revealed that the girl ended her life and was neither kidnapped nor raped. Despite these findings, the BJP leaders continue to refer to the case as a "rape and murder" case.

While most of these allegations fell flat, the BJP's allegations fanned communal passions and created false narratives which the families of the victims and many from the State cling to, to this day. Significantly, it also paid electoral dividends for the party in 2018. The BJP has started a new innings in the Opposition benches, and the narratives being built around the new cases create a sense of déjà vu.

One month, 40 deaths: West Bengal most affected by political violence

Political violence peaked around the Lok Sabha elections in 2019 and fatalities peaked around the 2018 panchayat polls in the State

DATA POINT

Anushka Kataruka

In the month leading up to the panchayat elections in West Bengal, 40 people were killed in poll-related violence. This is not an exception; an analysis of past data shows that political violence and related deaths peaked during and around all the recent polls in West Bengal. Moreover, a comparison of States shows that West Bengal stands out in this regard. Only Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), a highly militarised region, recorded more such incidents in the recent past. Political violence peaked in West Bengal during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and related deaths peaked during the 2018 panchayat elections.

These conclusions are based on an analysis of data sourced from the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project's conflict dataset. The database has a record of incidents of political violence in different States since 2016. It gets its data from local media and official sources. Its own local partners too record data. Political violence here includes instances of armed clashes, significant arrests, attacks, incidents of force/state intervention during demonstrations, property destruction, mob violence, and violent demonstrations. Incidents such as peaceful protests, including those staged by political parties, were ignored if no violence was recorded.

While West Bengal stands out, most States recorded some degree of political violence. **Map 1** shows the number of incidents of political violence recorded between 2016 and July 7, 2023 across States. Such incidents occurred most in J&K, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Punjab. Since 2016, J&K has witnessed 8,301 such incidents, more than double of the 3,338 instances recorded in West Bengal. However, it is important to note that a sensitive border territory such as J&K has many groups which act violently with a political purpose. In addition, given the excessive military presence in J&K, daily clashes with militants who claim to have a "political goal" are also recorded as political violence in the database. The fact that political violence in J&K is not concomitant with the elections conducted in the State and is consistently high throughout the year makes J&K superfluous for this analysis.

Major States with relatively fewer incidents of political violence include Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Rajasthan and Karnataka. They recorded less than 700 such incidents in total since 2016.

Chart 2 shows the number of fatalities and incidents of political violence over time in West Bengal. The grey bars correspond to parliamentary, Assembly, municipal and panchayat elections in the State. Violence peaked around the Lok Sabha elections during the months of April and May in 2019 (365 incidents). Fatalities peaked around the panchayat polls during April and May in 2018 (44 deaths).

Chart 3 shows the number of incidents of political violence over time in select States. The dotted line in each chart corresponds to the 2019 general elections. Only States in which political violence peaked around the 2019 general elections have been depicted. However, it is important to note that the 2019 general elections were the only Lok Sabha polls since 2016, the year from which this data was recorded. Aside from West Bengal, the trend of high political violence during general elections also holds true for J&K, Punjab, Bihar, Assam, Tripura, Chhattisgarh, and Kerala. The trend holds true even for States with generally low levels of political violence such as Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim, and Telangana.

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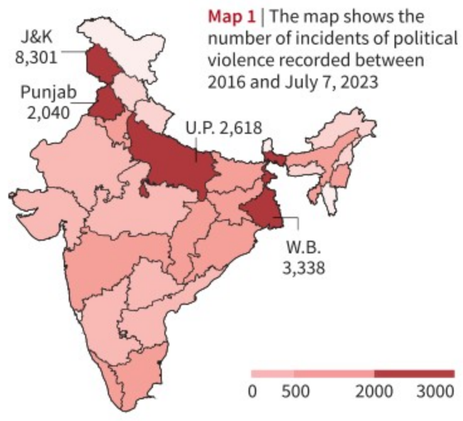
Poll violence

The charts are based on data collated from The Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED), which specialises in disaggregated data collection, analysis, and crisis mapping. ACLED collects information on the dates, actors, locations, fatalities, and types of reported incidents of political violence and protests from around the world

State of affairs: Left Front and Congress supporters stage a protest against violence in the West Bengal panchayat election, in Kolkata. PHOTO: ANI



Map 1 | The map shows the number of incidents of political violence recorded between 2016 and July 7, 2023

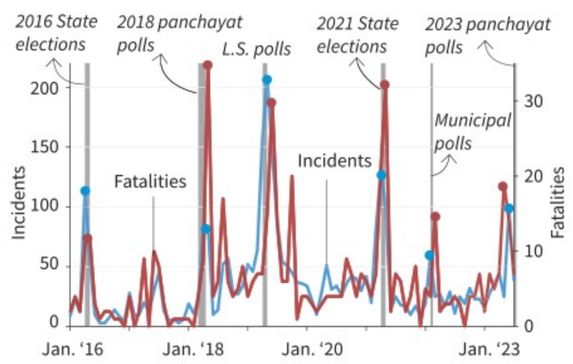
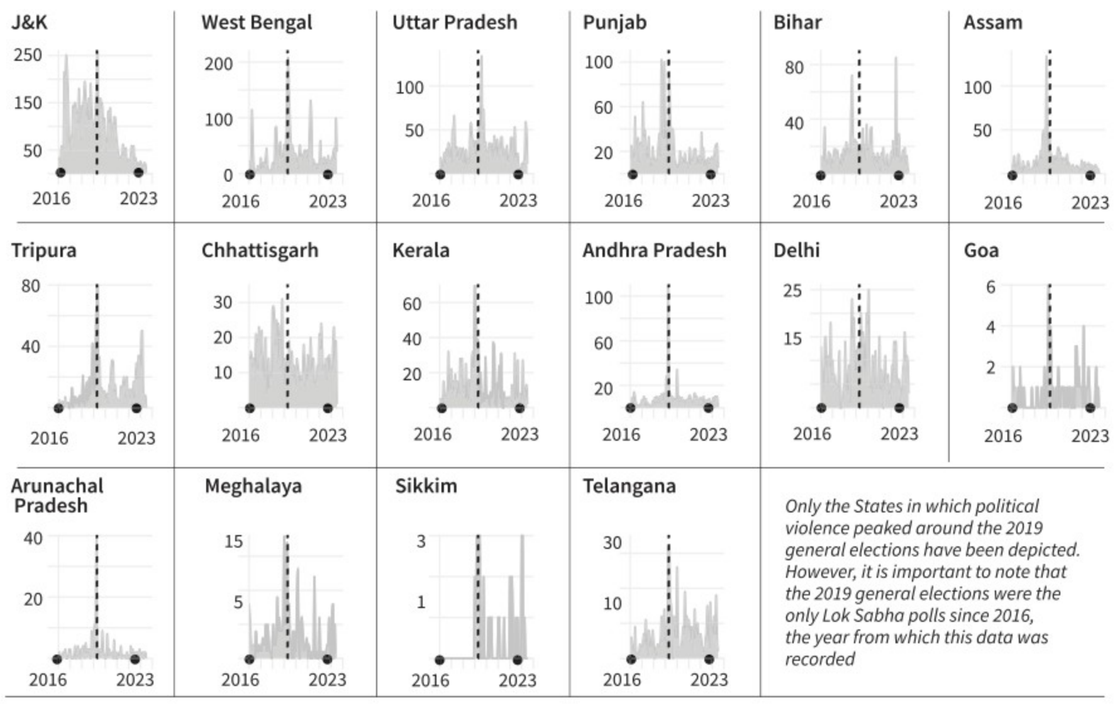


Chart 2 | The number of fatalities and incidents of political violence over time in West Bengal



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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 19, 1973

W. Bengal seeks rice from Tamil Nadu

Madras, July 18: The West Bengal Government has sought 50,000 tonnes of rice from Tamil Nadu to tide over the present difficult food situation in that State. The Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mr. Siddhartha Shankar Ray, has had a telephonic talk with the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Mr. M. Karunanidhi in this connection a few days back. Mr. K.K. Maitra, West Bengal Food Minister, giving this information to reporters to-day, said he had come to Madras to meet Mr. Karunanidhi and apprise him of the food situation in West Bengal and get Tamil Nadu's assistance. He said the Union Food Minister, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, had also suggested to the West Bengal Chief Minister to explore the possibility of securing some help from Tamil Nadu. Mr. Maitra said the difficult food situation in West Bengal was due to progressive decrease in the Central allotment of rice and wheat and shortfall in production following drought and floods in his State. He, however, felt that the Centre could not be blamed for reduced allotment, which was mainly due to overall fall in production in the country. Mr. Maitra said that as against 65,000 tonnes of allotment of rice per month last year, the Centre had been giving 40,000 tonnes per month till recently. Even that had been reduced to 25,000 tonnes in June and to 17,000 tonnes in July. In the case of wheat, the allotment which stood at 1,25,000 tonnes per month last year had now gone down to 80,000 tonnes per month this year.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 19, 1923

Wireless telegraphy

London, July 17: In the House of Commons to-day, replying to questions, the Postmaster General said that the Eastern Telegraph Company had applied for licence to build a high-powered wireless station in England in connection with the Empire Wireless Chain. The Company had the same chances as obtaining license as Marconi so far as the Government was concerned. The question of corresponding stations in India or the Dominions would be placed before the Governments concerned. A site of 800 acres had been purchased for the Post Office near Rugby for a high power wireless station.

From Page One

Team INDIA to take on NDA in Lok Sabha poll

A number of former Chief Ministers were also in attendance: Lalu Prasad (Bihar), Sharad Pawar and Uddhav Thackeray (Maharashtra), Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah (Jammu and Kashmir), and Akhilesh Yadav (Uttar Pradesh). Other prominent leaders who participated in the meeting included former Congress presidents Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, CPI general secretary D. Raja, and CPI (Marxist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury.

The first Opposition meeting held in Patna on June 23 had the leaders of only 15 parties in attendance.

Mr. Kharge launched a blistering attack on PM Narendra Modi and the BJP, saying that Mr. Modi was now trying to bring together parties which had splintered, indicating that "he is afraid of Opposition parties".

Speaking of the frictions within the Opposition alliance itself, he said, "There are some differences between us, but we have put that behind... We are together in the interest of the nation. We will fight the 2024 Lok Sabha elections unitedly."

Coalitions of 'negativity' never successful: Modi

"We resolved that our effort will be to win the next polls with a bigger margin to better serve the country," Apna Dal (Sonelal) chief and Union Minister Anupriya Patel said. The resolution was moved by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and seconded by Edappadi K. Palaniswami of the AIADMK and Atul Bora of Asom Gana Parishad.

The meeting saw Mr. Modi pay homage to NDA founding members Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Balasaheb Thackeray, Parkash Singh Badal, George Fernandes and Sharad Yadav. He said it was "heartening to see their true heirs" present at the meeting, a direct reference to Mr. Shinde and the Akali Dal (Dhindsa). Both the Shiv Sena and the Akali Dal have seen splits, with Mr. Shinde and Mr. Dhindsa joining the NDA.

He said the UPA government was an example where there was a high command over the post of Prime Minister. Whenever any scams were brought to light, it was termed as a coalition compulsion to turn a blind eye, he said.

"We are lucky that NDA is opposite to that. Ours is a coalition of strength and not compulsion... Credits and responsibility is of everyone. No party is considered big or small, we are there for a common aim," he said.

TNA 'categorically rejects' Ranil's devolution offer

"If the government is not willing to implement what is already in our Constitution, it is a revelation of the lack of political will to go beyond the 13th Amendment, and meaningfully devolve power," TNA spokesman M.A. Sumanthiran told *The Hindu*, following a meeting convened by Mr. Wickremesinghe with Tamil political parties. "We categorically rejected the President's proposal," the Jaffna MP said.

The meeting and the President's position on the 13th Amendment assume significance ahead of Mr. Wickremesinghe's scheduled visit to India on July 21. India has consistently underscored "full implementation" of the legislation, which was enacted after the Indo-Lanka Accord of 1987. It remains the only legislative guarantee of some power devolution, following the Sri Lankan Tamils' historic demand for the right to self-determination. However, the 13th Amendment seeks to devolve power to all nine provinces, including seven that have Sinhala-majority populations.

At Tuesday's meeting, President Wickremesinghe shared an elaborate dossier with the Tamil leadership, outlining his government's plans in regard to truth-seeking mechanisms, reconciliation, accountability, development, and power devolution.

Developmental plans listed included several projects promised in the past, such as upgrading the Palaly Airport and Kankesanturai Harbour in Jaffna, and the much-discussed, still-pending plan to establish ferry connectivity between south India and northern Sri Lanka.

A small section in the 16-page dossier that dealt with devolution said that the 13th Amendment would be implemented "with the exception of police powers".

TNA leader and veteran Tamil politician R. Sampanthan, in a letter to Mr. Modi dated July 17, said that the many failed promises of Sri Lankan leaders, including to India and the international community, had led to a "crisis of confidence".

"In total disregard of the pious promises and repeated assurances on its part, the Sri Lankan state has not only failed to fulfil its commitments, but has also attempted to abort the implementation of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution by resisting brazenly the continuous demands for the devolution of land and police powers and by misappropriating powers already enjoyed by the provinces by legislative manipulations," the 90-year-old leader noted in his letter.

He urged the Indian PM "to prevail upon the President of Sri Lanka when he visits New Delhi... to fulfil the commitments made to India with regard to sharing powers of governance with the Tamil People of the North-East in Sri Lanka", without any further delay.

SC to hear Rahul's plea in defamation case on Friday

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to list on Friday a petition filed by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to suspend his conviction in a criminal defamation case in which he said a political speech critical of economic offenders and also of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, made in the course of democratic political activity, has been held to be an act of moral turpitude.

Mr. Gandhi has also sought a stay of a Gujarat High Court judgment which according to him "has no precedent in the jurisprudence of the law of defamation". Appearing before a Bench headed by CJI D.Y. Chandrachud, senior advocate A.M. Singhvi and advocate Prasanna S., for Mr. Gandhi, submitted that the case required an urgent hearing.

"We will take it up on Friday," CJI Chandrachud said.

Chirag says his concerns met, bags Hajipur seat

LJP (Ram Vilas) is returning to NDA to contest not only the Lok Sabha election in 2024 but also the Assembly polls in Bihar scheduled for 2025, he says; seat-sharing formula not disclosed

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan's announcement that he was returning to the BJP-led NDA coalition came just hours before the NDA meeting of 38 parties at the national capital on Tuesday.

According to sources, Mr. Chirag Paswan, who has had meetings with BJP president J.P. Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has successfully negotiated six seats that the united LJP had fought in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections for his faction.

Mr. Chirag Paswan did not confirm this seat-sharing formula, except for underlining that all his concerns had been "positively addressed". One of his key concerns was about the Hajipur seat, which he asserted would be fought by the LJP (Ram Vilas). His father won the seat seven times, and his uncle Pashupati Paras, who heads the rival party faction, the Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party, currently holds the seat. This signals the BJP's decision to sideline Mr. Paras in favour of his nephew, Mr. Chirag Paswan.

Poll run-up: LJP (Ram Vilas) president Chirag Paswan during a press meet in New Delhi on Tuesday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Reacting to Mr. Chirag Paswan's comments on Hajipur, Mr. Paras told pressmen that there had been a demand in 2019 that Mr. Chirag Paswan should contest the seat, but the late Ram Vilas Paswan had insisted on fielding him. *The Hindu* reported on Monday that the BJP had been trying to convince Mr. Paras to reconcile with his nephew.

Mr. Chirag Paswan dismissed questions over whether his return to the NDA meant the two warring camps of the Paswan clan would bury the hatchet. "It doesn't matter to me who is there or not there in the alliance. It is the collective responsibility of all NDA constituents to work together for the success of the coalition," he said.

The LJP's return to the NDA, he said, was not only for the upcoming general elections but would continue for the next Assembly elections in Bihar, scheduled for 2025.

He also attacked the Opposition's efforts to come together ahead of the Lok Sabha election. "Opposition unity is not to eradicate poverty or unemployment. It is not aimed at ending corruption. The Opposition parties have only one goal – ouster of one man – Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Mr. Chirag Paswan said.

Kanpur Mayor kicks up a row over remark on house sales

The Hindu Bureau
KANPUR

Kanpur Mayor Pramila Pandey on Tuesday allegedly demanded that the Uttar Pradesh government bring a rule so that no person from the Muslim community can buy a house belonging to Hindus and vice versa.

Ms. Pandey was purportedly heard saying this after reaching the Munshi Purva locality in the city as local people complained about encroachment on a temple premises by a Muslim family.

Ms. Pandey is said to have become furious after seeing garbage on the temple premises.

She could also be purportedly heard saying, "Hindus think they [Muslims] are giving more money, so sell them their [Hindus] houses." She said, "We are not against them [Muslims], but we are angry with their behaviour/mentality as they throw waste, dirt in temples."

SC stays ED probe in liquor scam case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Order was passed in pleas challenging the legality of the proceedings initiated by ED against Chhattisgarh officials

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to "stay their hand in all manner" in a money laundering case linked to the alleged ₹2,000 crore liquor scam in Chhattisgarh.

A Bench of Justices S.K. Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia passed the order in petitions challenging the legality of the proceedings initiated by the anti-money laundering agency in the case.

"Apart from the order already passed of no coercive action, the respondent authorities (ED) must stay their hand in all manner," the Bench directed.

While hearing the matter on May 16, the top court had told the ED not to create an "atmosphere of fear", after the Chhattisgarh government had alleged that the probe agency was "running amok" and was trying to implicate Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in a money laundering case linked to liquor scam in the State.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who appeared for the Chhattisgarh government on Tuesday, alleged that the officers of the State were harassed by the probe agency.

29 arrested for protesting in the nude in Chhattisgarh

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

The Chhattisgarh Police on Tuesday arrested 29 youth for staging a nude protest in Raipur, accusing the State government of not acting against individuals who got government jobs reserved for the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) using fake caste certificates.

The youth ran alongside vehicles of MLAs headed to the Legislative Assembly for the inaugural day of the Monsoon Session, raising slogans and carrying placards in support of their demands.

They were booked for public obscenity and unlawful assembly.

Mob attacks IPS officer in Manipur; 30 held, probe on

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An Indian Police Service (IPS) officer was attacked and one of the vehicles in his convoy torched by a mob in Imphal West district in Manipur in the late hours of Monday. The police fired tear-gas shells to disperse the mob.

The Manipur police said that 30 persons have been arrested and raids were on to apprehend the other suspects.

The police said Inspector General of Police Kabib K., a 2005-batch IPS officer, and a policeman who was part of his escort team, were attacked.

The police said in a tweet that it "condemns the dastardly attack against Kabib K., IPS IGP (Z-II) and his escort personnel yesterday at Kwakeithel, Imphal West."

Out of hand: The damaged car of an IPS officer being towed away, after it was set on fire by a mob in Imphal on Monday. REUTERS

It added, "It is hereby appealed to the public not to indulge in such anti-social deeds. It will not be tolerated. Thirty persons have been arrested in connection with the incident and raids will continue to apprehend more people involved in the said incident. While the police is working round the clock to bring normalcy in the State, it is expected of the public to co-operate with the police authorities. It is further appealed to the public that there should be no obstacle to the movement of security forces."

Probe into Bilaspur goods train collision finds pilots passed signal in danger

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

An early morning collision of two goods trains at Singhpur station in Madhya Pradesh – which left a loco pilot dead and several others injured – was caused by overworked loco pilots, who were in a daze or microsleep, and crossed the signal in danger, according to an interim report on the April 19 accident.

The accident occurred in the Bilaspur Division of South East Central Railway (SECR) when one goods train hit the rear of another, damaging railway assets and causing losses to the tune of ₹65.12 crore.

In his interim report, the Commissioner of Railway Safety, A.M. Chowdhary, expressed concern over the increasing number of trains passing the signal in danger, and called for technological intervention to prevent such incidents.

Mr. Chowdhary said that the crew of the approaching train had put in about 14 hours of duty, well beyond the stipulated nine hours. The speed at which the trains collided – 56 kmph – was a telling sign that fatigue or drowsiness may have played a major role.

Mangled remains: The site where two goods trains collided near Onda railway station, in Bankura on June 25. ANI

In a daze or state of micro sleep, the pilot does not seem to have made any conscious effort to apply the brakes to stop the train before the signal, resulting in the train overshooting the signal in red. The report said that the pilot had demonstrated a lack of alertness as he might have experienced chronic fatigue.

The Commissioner noted that the accident was caused due to the complete disregard of the extant rules framed to regulate the working hours of loco pilots and to ensure safe train operations.

There have been 120 cases of Signal Passing At Danger (SPAD) incidents between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2023 across the railway network, the Commissioner said, highlighting the limitations of preventive measures taken by the Railways such as counselling of loco pilots and safety drives.

In a similar incident reported at Adra Division of South Eastern Railway where two goods trains collided on June 25 this year, two loco pilots were removed from service after a probe revealed that they were in microsleep.

'News outlets benefit from deals with tech majors'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Australian Member of Parliament Paul Fletcher noted on Tuesday that Australia's News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code, which put pressure on tech platforms to cut commercial deals to share revenue with news organisations, had significantly boosted revenues for news publishers in the country.

"Public reporting of deals announced in the 12 months from February 2021 suggests [the deals'] value exceeded A$150 million (roughly ₹839 crore)," Mr. Fletcher said, encouraging Indian publishers' attempts to make similar deals with Big Tech platforms who distribute news. The MP has been credited as a significant influence in pushing the code through in Australia.

Mr. Fletcher, a former Minister for Communications in Australia, was speaking at a virtual event held by the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA), an industry group representing print and TV news publishers with a significant digital presence.

'4 militants, sent to destabilise the region, killed in Poonch raid'

The Hindu Bureau
JAMMU

Four foreign militants, who were tasked with "destabilising the region", were killed in an over 12-hour-long anti-militancy operation in Poonch district of the Pir Panjal valley on Tuesday.

"The presence of such heavily armed terrorists in the hinterland is indicative of attempts to destabilise the region. If not neutralised in time, these terrorists could have carried out major terrorist-initiated incidents in the coming days," a senior Army officer said.

The four militants were killed in Operation Trinetra of the Army, which has been on in the mountain range of the Pir Panjal for the past three months. The valley has witnessed multiple attacks by militants this year. Four AK series rifles with eight magazines, 196 rounds, two 9 mm pistols with three magazines and 24 rounds were also recovered from the encounter site, besides the bodies of the foreign militants. "The AKs found with the terrorists are with Chinese markings and pistols are with Pakistan markings," the Army said.

Meanwhile, militants shot at and injured two non-local labourers in south Kashmir's Anantnag on Tuesday evening. Their condition is stated to be stable, the police said.

APPEAL

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Opposition parties vow to conduct caste census and combat hatred

In a joint resolution, parties pledge to safeguard the 'idea of India' enshrined in the Constitution and present the nation with an alternative political, social and economic agenda; they promise to transform both the substance and style of governance

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

INDIA, the new Opposition alliance, has resolved to conduct a caste census, asserting that it has come together to defeat the hatred and violence being manufactured against the minorities and stop the rising tide of crimes against women, Dalits, tribal people and Kashmiri Pandits.

In a joint resolution adopted unanimously by 26 Opposition parties at their second summit on Tuesday, the coalition expressed its steadfast resolve to safeguard the idea of India as enshrined in the Constitution.

"We have come together to defeat the hatred and violence being manufactured against minorities; stop the rising crimes against women, Dalits, Adivasis and Kashmiri Pandits; demand a fair hearing for all socially, educationally and economically backward communities; and, as a first step, implement the Caste Census," the resolution said.

"We pledge to present to the nation an alternative political, social, and economic agenda. We promise to transform both the substance and style of governance that will be more consultative, democratic and participative," it added.

"The character of our republic is being severely assaulted in a systematic manner by the BJP. We are at a most crucial juncture in our nation's history. The foundational pillars of the Indian Constitution – secular democracy, economic sovereignty, social justice, and federalism – are being methodically and menacingly undermined," the coalition alleged.

United strategy: Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee speaks at a press conference after the second day of the joint Opposition meeting in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

'Campaign of hate'

The Opposition parties resolved to fight what they claimed was the systemic conspiracy by the BJP to "target, persecute and suppress our fellow Indians".

"Their poisonous campaign of hate has led to vicious violence against all those opposed to the ruling party and its divisive ideology. These attacks are not only violating constitutional rights and freedoms but also eroding the basic values upon which the Republic of India is founded – Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, and Justice – Political, Economic, and Social," the resolution said.

Leaders also expressed concern over the "humanitarian tragedy that has destroyed Manipur". "The silence of the Prime Minister is shocking and unprecedented. There is an urgent need to bring Manipur back on the path of peace and reconciliation," the resolution said. Leaders have unanimously "determined to combat and confront the continuing assault on the Constitution and on constitutional rights of democratically elected State governments. There is a deliberate attempt to weaken the federal structure of our polity. The role of Governors & LGs in non-BJP ruled States has exceeded all constitutional norms."

They resolved to confront the grave economic crisis of ever-rising prices of essential commodities and record unemployment. "We oppose the reckless sale of the nation's wealth to favored friends. We must build a fair economy with a strong and strategic public sector as well as a competitive and flourishing private sector, in which the spirit of enterprise is fostered and given every opportunity to expand. The welfare of Kisan and Khet Mazdur should always be the highest priority," it said.

Leaders of the Congress, Trinamool Congress, Communist Party of India, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Nationalist Congress Party, Janata Dal (United), Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Aam Aadmi Party, Jarkhand Mukti Morcha, Shiv Sena (UBT), Rashtriya Janata Dal, Samajwadi Party, J&K National Conference, J&K Peoples Democratic Party, CPI (ML), Rashtriya Lok Dal, Indian Union Muslim League, Kerala Congress (M), Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Forward Bloc, and others adopted the resolution.

INDIA, a unanimous choice of name to counter the BJP

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Acronym stands for Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance

At the conclusion of a four-hour meeting of the Opposition on Tuesday, the 26 parties announced the name of their alliance – INDIA, standing for Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance. They framed the 2024 electoral contest as a fight between the BJP and the rest of the country. The name, sources said, was decided even before the leaders sat down for the meeting on Tuesday morning.

The Opposition leaders remained guarded about who came up with the name first, but, according to sources, a select group of leaders met after the dinner hosted by the Congress. Several names got tossed around among this group. Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi had, during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, stressed the growing chasm between "two Indias" and the Congress wanted the name of the alliance to address this.

Sources said the name resonated with the others in the group too, especially since many felt that it was time for the Opposition to recapture the "nationalism" plank, which the BJP has been monopolising. But keeping with the Congress's current strategy of not being seen as an overt driver of the Opposition grouping, the Trinamool Congress was encouraged to propose the name at the meeting.

The thrust of the deliberations was on picking a name which would effectively counter the BJP's narrative of "nationalism" and thus the name – INDIA. Among the other names considered were "Progressive People's Alliance", "Indian People's Front" and "People's Alliance for India".

On Tuesday, after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's opening remarks, Trinamool Congress president and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee spoke.

A senior leader said that she proposed the name INDIA. She was quoted as saying that the contest was not between the BJP and the Opposition but "between the BJP and the rest of the India".

At a press conference later, Mr. Kharge said that "everyone unanimously agreed to the name".

There was a debate over what the acronym should spell out as – should the "N" stand for "new" or "national" and should the "D" stand for "democratic" or "developmental". Using the word "democratic", many argued, would make it sound very similar to the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance. The others reasoned that the battle for 2024 had to be fought on dispelling the BJP's narrative of "*achhe din*".

Modi slams Opposition bid to unify against BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

On a day when the Opposition held a meeting in Bengaluru to work out a united front against the BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the effort, deeming it an attempt to ensure that democratic politics kept "their family first, and the nation as nothing".

Mr. Modi was speaking via video conference at the launch of the new integrated terminal building of the Veer Savarkar Airport in Port Blair.

"The credo of democratic politics is 'for the people, by the people, of the people', but these dynastic parties go by the mantra 'of the family, by the family, for the family'. For them, their family is first and the nation nothing. People are saying that this gathering is to promote corruption. It is very obvious in the way that these parties ignore whenever there are any acts of corruption, kidnapping, or breakdown of law and order. The moment any agency initiates action against corruption by any one of these parties, they all band together to allege victimisation, with no thought given to the acts of commission. The Left and the Congress are also mum on panchayat poll violence in West Bengal," the Prime Minister said.

Later in the day, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) also held a meeting of its constituent parties in New Delhi.

Fight to retain the voice of nation: Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said next year's Lok Sabha election will witness "a fight between the NDA and INDIA, Narendra Modi and INDIA."

At the Opposition party meeting in Bengaluru, the new alliance was named Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance. Mr. Gandhi told reporters, "We know that when someone fights with INDIA, INDIA wins." He elaborated, "We asked ourselves who are we fighting for? The nation's voice is getting suppressed, this is a fight to retain the voice of the nation."

Snag-hit flight of Rahul and Sonia lands in Bhopal

The Hindu Bureau
BHOPAL

An aircraft on which former Congress Presidents Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi were flying to Delhi from Bengaluru, after the meeting of opposition parties, made an emergency landing at Raja Bhoj Airport in Bhopal on Tuesday evening due to a glitch.

This was confirmed by Bhopal Police Commissioner HC Mishra who added that the mother-son duo would now fly to Delhi on a commercial aircraft around 9.30 p.m.

Reason behind the emergency landing of the aircraft and destination are not available.

(With inputs from PTI)

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No:-1557 Date:- 11.07.2023
E-NIT No. 04/2023-24
Notice Inviting Bid
Bids for 1 Nos of Works Estimated cost of Rs. 291.12 Lacs Under Schemes ERM are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM of 08.08.2023. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http//eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http//sppp.raj./nic.in) of the state and Water Resources departmental website.
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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA email : serwsbd2003@yahoo.com
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA.
No: **e-Procurement Notice for Buildings works** Date:
1. Name of the Work : **Construction of Buildings as per Annexure (2 Nos)**
2. Class of Contractor : **"A" Class** of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.
3. Estimated Cost : **Varies from Rs.342.77 Lakhs to Rs.364.04 Lakhs (Approximately)**
4. Details projects as per Annexure attached :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCERWCSBD - Online - 08/2023-24	20.07.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	10.08.2023 up to 05.30 P.M.	09.08.2023 up to 1.00 P.M.	11.08.2023 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. The details of works can be seen from the web site : **https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
6. Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web site.
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda.
O-410: OIPR-25182/11/0012/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BOLANGIR.
e - Procurement NOTICE

1.	Name of Work	: Construction and Maintenance of Kanspala to Malpada via Kandhenjhula Darlipali Road under (TRIP) in the district of Bolangir for the year 2022-23 (Includes Construction of one number Bridge of 5 X 10.77 m with Open Foundation.
2.	No. of Work	: One Road work including one bridge.
3.	Time for Completion	: 18 (Eighteen) calendar months
4.	Approximate Estimated Cost varies from	: Rs.542.47 lakhs
5.	Mode of Submission of tender	: Tender should be submitted online in www.tendersodisha.gov.in

6. Other details are as follow

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir.	BLGR-Online-11/2023-24	24.07.2023 11.00 A.M.	08.08.2023 5.00 P.M.	07.08.2023 5.00 P.M.	09.08.2023 11.00 A.M.	The date will be intimated later on

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O-408 : OIPR-25118/11/0017/2324

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"e"-Procurement Notice No.18/OCCL/2023-24(on-line)
On-line tenders are invited for the following work on EPC-Turn Key Basis:

Sl No.	Name of Work	Bid Identification No.	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs) (excluding GST)	Bid Security (through on-line transfer / Bank Guarantee) (in Rs.)	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender (on-line)	Submission of tender (on-line)
01	Construction of Distribution System for 2885 Ha of CCA including Command Area Development (CAD) in 12 Nos. of MIP through UGPL System (Gravity Flow) in Malkangiri, Nabarangpur & Rayagada districts of Odisha on EPC-Turn-key basis including Operation & Maintenance of complete commissioned project for 5 (five) years (Package-I)	OCCL-UGPL/MI. Pkg 1/ 2023-24	Rs.8049.15 Lakhs	Rs.80,50,000/-	24 (twenty four) Calendar months	From 20.07.2023, 03.30 PM to 02.09.2023, 5.30 PM.	From 20.07.2023, 03.30 PM to 02.09.2023, 5.30 PM.
02	Construction of Distribution System for 2448 Ha of CCA including Command Area Development (CAD) in 6 Nos. of MIP through UGPL System (Gravity Flow) in Anugul, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Mayurbhanj & Keonjhar districts of Odisha on EPC-Turn-key basis including Operation & Maintenance of complete commissioned project for 5 (five) years (Package-III)	OCCL-UGPL/MI. Pkg 3/ 2023-24	Rs.6266.88 Lakhs	Rs.62,67,000/-	24 (twenty four) Calendar months	From 20.07.2023, 03.30 PM to 02.09.2023, 5.30 PM.	From 20.07.2023, 03.30 PM to 02.09.2023, 5.30 PM.

Procurement Officer : Managing Director, OCCL. Date of Opening of the Technical Bid:04.09.2023, 12.00 Noon.
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal : https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in
CAD-1324 MANAGING DIRECTOR OIPR-34120/11/0026/2324

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Tender Call Notice No. File No.IDCO/HO-P&C/O-2889/04/2023 /V-2 22170, Dated : 17.07.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT
Name of the Work : SITC of 3.3 kV cables, panels, & soft starter for Intake well of river Budhabalanga at Balasore.
Estimated Cost put to tender : Rs.3,74,39,398.00
Period of Completion : 02 (Two) Calendar Months.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Identification No:- P&C/EST/E-46/2023-24	17.00 hours of dt. 19.07.2023	17.00 hours of dt. 10.08.2023

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, **www.Tendersodisha.gov.in** and Corrigendum if any will be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the **e-Procurement** portal as well as in **IDCO website.**
CAD-1319 Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar OIPR-14003/11/0128/2324

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Tender Call Notice No File No.:IDCO/HO-P&C/O-3859/04/2023 /V-1 21766, Dated : 13.07.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT
Name of the Work : Extension of 33kV line for providing power supply to M/s Wonderla Holidays Ltd. at- Revenue Plot no. 822,823 & 833 Village Kumbhara basta, Khordha having CD 2000 KVA under electrical section Khordha-II ,Khordha.
Estimated Cost put to tender : Rs.1,74,03,797.00
Period of Completion : 03 (Three) Calendar Months.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Identification No:- P&C/EST/E-71/2023-24	17.00 hours of dt. 20.07.2023	17.00 hours of dt. 10.08.2023

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CAD-1314 Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar OIPR-14003/11/0126/2324

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT
1. Name of the Work : Construction of Roads, Drains, Parking Area and Setting up Street Lights at Bhagipur IE, Dampada.
2. Estimated Cost : Rs.405 Lakhs.
3. Period of Completion : 04 (Four) Calendar Months.
4. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid ID / Tender reference No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar.	Bid ID/ Tender Reference No:- P&C/EST/E-78/2023-24	24.07.2023 at 17.00 Hrs.	08.08.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and **www.idco.in.**
CAD-1316 Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar OIPR-14003/11/0124/2324

BHUBANESWAR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
AKASH SHOVA BUILDING, SACHIVALAYA MARG, BHUBANESWAR - 751001
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Invitation For Bids
Bid Identification No.763/EM/BDA Date: 17/07/23
Engineer Member, BDA on behalf of Bhubaneswar Development Authority, Bhubaneswar invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for civil works as mentioned below:

1.	Nature of works	: Lake Zone development
2.	Total No. of works	: 03 (Three) No.
3.	Amount put to tender	: i) Rs.11.92 Crore; ii) Rs.14.30 Crore; iii) Rs.13.51 Crore
4.	Class of Contractor	: "A" & "Special" Class
5.	Period of Completion	: i) 06 (Six) Calendar months; ii) 09 (Nine) Calendar months; iii) 11(Eleven) Calendar months.
6.	Cost of Bid Documents	: Rs.10,000.00 + 18% GST=Rs.11,800.00
7.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	: 1% of estimated cost put to tender
8.	Availability of Tender	: From 25.07.2023 to 5.00 PM of 10.08.2023 in the website
9.	Date of time of opening of Tender	: Dt.17.08.2023 at 11.30 AM
10.	Place of opening of Tender	: O/o - Engineer Member, BDA, Bhubaneswar.

Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / Corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.
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INBRIEF

Chandrayaan completes third orbit-raising manoeuvre: ISRO

The third orbit-raising manoeuvre (earth-bound perigee firing) of the Chandrayaan-3 mission was performed successfully at ISTRAC, Bengaluru on July 18. The next manoeuvre is planned for July 20, between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The ISRO said that the moon mission is on schedule. On July 17, ISRO successfully performed the second orbit-raising manoeuvre (earth-bound apogee firing) to place the Chandrayaan 3 spacecraft in the 41,603 km x 226 km orbit.

Mumbai police get threat call on 26/11-like attack, file FIR

The Mumbai Police on Tuesday received a call threatening to carry out a 26/11-like Mumbai terror attack. The call was received on Mumbai's traffic control room number around noon. The police officials have said the caller also spoke about targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The police have registered an FIR against the unknown caller. On July 12, the police had received a call from an unidentified man, threatening to carry out a 26/11-like terror attack if Pakistani woman Seema Haider did not return to her country, an official said on Tuesday. Earlier this week, a man from Gorakhpur had called on a helpline number in U.P., issuing a threat to kill Mr. Modi and Mr. Adityanath.

Vijay Sampla quits as NCSC chief, may contest LS polls

National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) chairperson Vijay Sampla has tendered his resignation from the Constitutional body, *The Hindu* has learnt. Sources in the BJP's Punjab unit say that his resignation comes against the backdrop of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, when he may contest from the Hoshiarpur constituency. Mr. Sampla, who had won from Hoshiarpur in 2014, was a Union Minister of State in the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry. A prominent Dalit face of the BJP in Punjab, he was appointed to head the NCSC in 2021, but quit ahead of the 2022 Punjab Assembly polls to contest from Phagwara. After he lost, he was re-appointed as the NCSC chief.

Fadnavis orders probe in Kirit Somaiya's 'explicit' video case

BJP leader and former MP Kirit Somaiya wrote to Maharashtra Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday, seeking a probe to verify the authenticity of a video allegedly showing him in a compromising position. The video went viral after it was aired by a Marathi news channel. Opposition parties lashed out at Mr. Somaiya, the ruling BJP and the Eknath Shinde-led government, claiming that the explicit clip has exposed their hypocrisy. In a tweet on Tuesday morning, Mr. Somaiya said, "A video clip of me was shown on a news channel. Claimed that I have harassed many women & many such video clips available & complaints received against Me. I have never abused any woman."

NIA attaches poultry farm in IS-inspired group case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday attached a poultry farm in Madhya Pradesh, which was used by alleged members of an IS-inspired group involved in a conspiracy to carry out terror activities in Rajasthan.

The property, attached under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), is in Ratlam district. It was owned by Imran Khan and used by members of the group named "Sufa" for radicalising and recruiting youth and training them in bomb-making.

Earlier, the NIA had filed a chargesheet against Mr. Khan and 10 others on September 22, 2022.

Last year, the agency registered a case against the group. "Investigations have revealed that 'Sufa' was inspired by ISIS and was inclined toward the jihadi ideology. Members of 'Sufa' had motivated other youth also to join this group," it said.

Govt. opens portal to refund small investors of Sahara

1.7 crore investors will benefit in the first phase and claims up to ₹10,000 will be settled first; on March 29, Supreme Court ordered refund to 10 crore investors of four cooperative societies

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday launched a portal to refund the money of around four crore small-time investors of four cooperative societies linked to the Sahara group of companies.

Two Sahara Group entities are being investigated by several agencies including the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for alleged money laundering and foreign exchange rules violations.

Launching the portal on the Ministry's website, Mr. Shah said that 1.7 crore investors will benefit in the first phase and claims up to ₹10,000 will be settled first. The money will be returned to the Aadhaar-linked bank accounts of the investors within 45 days, he said.

The four cooperative societies Sahara Credit Cooperative Society Limited, Saharayan Universal Multipurpose Society Limited, Hamara India Credit Cooperative Society limited and Stars Multipurpose Cooperative Society located in Lucknow, Bhopal, Kolkata and Hyderabad, respectively, were registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 between March 2010 and January 2014.

New start: Amit Shah launching the 'CRCS- Sahara Refund Portal' in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

"There are crores of people whose hard-earned money was stuck in the four cooperative societies. As investigation was ordered and properties were attached, the small-time investors were ignored. Whenever such a scam takes place, there is a multi-agency seizure and even Lord Brahma cannot lift the restrictions. This led to a feeling of distrust in the cooperative societies," Mr. Shah said.

Small investors affected

"Small investors are hit the most. Take the example of Sahara, case dragged on for many years, several agencies seized their assets. We invited all stakeholders including SEBI, ED, CBI, SFIO. Asked, can we devise a system for the benefit of small investors? All agencies filed a petition in Supreme Court which took a landmark decision that if all agencies agree, a committee under retired SC judge will monitor the reimbursement," Mr. Shah said.

On March 29, the Supreme Court ordered the refund from Sahara-SEBI refund account to about 10 crore investors of the four cooperative societies.

The court was requested that ₹5,000 crore from the Sahara-SEBI Refund Account may be used to pay depositors

Best Web series award to be given at IFFI-Goa

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday announced that the "best Web series" award will be presented to an original Web series from this year at the International Film Festival of India-Goa.

"Beginning this year at the 54th International Film Festival of India, the award will be presented annually," Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said in a tweet.

He said: "I encourage you to tell the story of a rising and aspirational New India – ready to lead the world, with a billion dreams and a billion untold stories! The Award will be given to an original web series on an OTT platform, originally shot and available in an Indian language."

The Minister said the award aimed to incentivise and create investment opportunities in India's OTT sector, encourage content in Indian languages and also recognise exceptional talent.

India reports a record 93% DPT3 immunisation coverage in 2022: WHO

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The coverage rate for DPT3, the third dose of diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus vaccines, in India rose to an all-time of 93% in 2022, surpassing the previous pre-pandemic best of 91% recorded in 2019, and also marking a sharp increase from the 85% recorded in 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) has said.

The WHO and UNICEF estimates for national immunisation coverage for 2022, released on Tuesday, showed that in the WHO South-East Asia Region, the coverage rate for DPT3 recovered to the pre-pandemic level of 91%, a sharp increase from the 82% recorded in 2021. The region also witnessed a 6% improvement in the coverage of the measles vaccine, rising to 92% in 2022 from 86% in 2021.

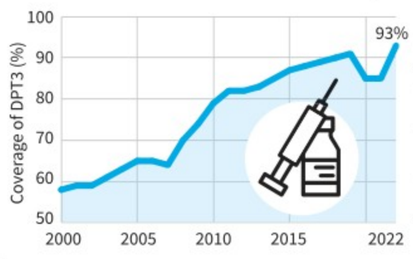
The number of zero-dose children (those that have not received even the first dose of DPT vaccine) halved to 2.3 million in 2022 from 4.6 million in 2021. Similarly, the number of partially vaccinated children (those that have received at least one dose of DPT vaccine but did not complete the primary series of three doses) reduced to 6.5 lakh in 2022 from 1.3 million in 2021.

The region had the best immunisation recoveries among all the WHO regions. This can be majorly attributed to the efforts being made by India and Indonesia, Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia, said. She said every child deserved to be protected against life-threatening diseases with routine immunisation, adding that the momentum built with impressive efforts and immunisation service must continue to benefit every child.

Indonesia reported a DPT3 coverage of 85% in 2022, the same as in 2019, but rising sharply from the 67% recorded in 2021. Bhutan recorded 98% and the Maldives 99%, surpassing their pre-pandemic rates. Bangladesh with 98% and Thailand 97% demonstrated consistency in routine immunisation coverage throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, the report said.

All-time high

A look at DTP3 coverage rate over the years, according to WHO estimate of national immunization coverage in India



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EC to issue e-vouchers for canvassing on Akashvani, DD

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) has made the process of allotting airtime to political parties for campaigning on Akashvani and Doordarshan entirely online.

Instead of collecting physical vouchers for airtime, the parties will henceforth be issued digital time vouchers through an Information Technology (IT) platform. "This step reflects the commission's commitment to leveraging technology for the betterment of the electoral process and ease of all stakeholders," the poll body said in a statement.

Till now, the political parties had to send their representatives to the commission's offices to collect the time vouchers during elections. The scheme for allotment of time on public broadcasters during campaigning, which was initially notified in January 1998, holds a statutory basis under Section 39A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

Derailed India-Russia Vande Bharat deal is back on track

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

RVNL has a minority stake of 25%, while Metrowagonmash retains a majority stake of 70%

After nearly three months of being derailed, the India-Russia Vande Bharat joint venture deal is back on track. On Tuesday, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL) informed the exchanges that a share purchase agreement had been signed by it; Kinet Railway Solutions Ltd., its wholly owned subsidiary; Metrowagonmash; and another joint stock company, Locomotive Electronic Systems.

In the current deal, the RVNL has a minority stake of 25%, while Metrowagonmash retains a majority stake of 70%.

Another 5% is held by Locomotive Electronic Systems. The disclosure that the share purchase agreement has been signed comes three months after the formation of Kinet Railway Solutions by the RVNL on April 20.

The Hindu reported on June 1 that the joint venture had run into troubled waters after the RVNL was insistent that the terms of the JV deal be flipped, and that the RVNL should get the 69% majority shareholding instead.

This demand made by the RVNL was vehemently opposed by Russia's Metrowagonmash.

The joint venture requires Metrowagonmash and the RVNL to manufacture 120 Vande Bharat train sets each at ₹120 crore. The RVNL had earlier requested majority shareholding in the interest of 'smoother movement' of the project as spare parts for the trains have to be imported from Western European and American counterparts. After the Russia-Ukraine war, there is an imminent 'loss of trust' that Russia is facing from the supplier countries, a railway official said, and the RVNL wanted a majority shareholding stake as a "confidence building measure".

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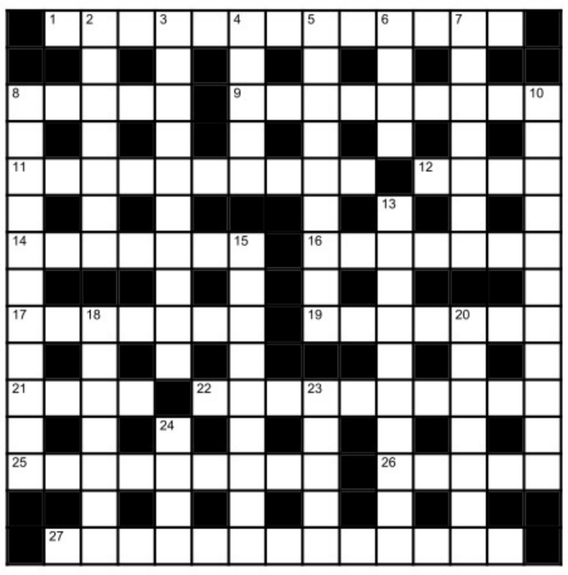

Across

1 Woman yearning to welcome love with firm, tight hug that's contagious (8,5)
8 Penniless family in street (5)
9 Unpleasant member beginning to lose in board game (9)
11 Change criminal record (10)
12 Sunny afternoon in Indian city (4)
14 Party wanting grants for states (7)
16 South American Indian starting to roar, bitten by iguana perhaps (7)
17 Drunk woman beginning to entice? Told you! (2,5)
19 Where one might see extremely nimble Yankee in action? (3,4)
21 Leg before wicket at penultimate match (4)
22 Tumult across border with extremely close conflict (10)
25 Aiming at great night out when husband's away (9)
26 Golf clubs kept by sir on sideboard (5)
27 College girl stumped by tenet covering extremely gruelling concept in Marxist ideology (5,8)

Down

2 It's worn on the head by one in Tehran perhaps (7)
3 Where mountain climbers might be desperate (2,3,5)
4 Popular performers, mostly South American Indians (5)
5 Good knock by member in county cricket club (9)
6 Unit of electrical resistance close to ninety? Good heavens! (2,2)
7 Exotic garden on a Caribbean island (7)
8 Doing great finally with chess moves showing unusual perception (6,5)
10 Complaint in the main is about kiss scenes, revolting (11)
13 Urging to recruit RAW perhaps to find one listening secretly (10)
15 Names category without hesitation (9)
18 Start to transport processed lumber in open cart (7)
20 Breaking law, goon makes unintentional error (3,4)
23 Mendicant brushing aside black moth (5)
24 Lay back after drinking close to five pegs (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Proper orientation

Thondaradippodi Azhvar, in his Thirumalai, sung in praise of Lord Ranganatha of Srirangam, says that worship of the Lord will liberate us. Explaining the verse, Periavachan Pillai says that even if a person has failed to control his indriyas, moksha is assured to him, if he worships the Lord. It is said that Thirumalai was inspired by the Sanskrit work Vishnu Dharma. Vishnu Dharma points out that man's desires are endless and continue to trouble him in birth after birth, elaborated V.S. Karunakaracharian, in a discourse. When we cannot control our desires, how can we attain moksha? The answer is that a recitation of His names will still save us, despite our inability to conquer our desires. We have a natural tendency to use our senses to enjoy things around us, to chase after perishable things. We must channel our desires towards the right path. If a man is able to turn his thoughts towards enjoyment of the Lord's divine form and His divine qualities, then the problem posed by desires is automatically solved.

Take the case of Pillai Urangavilli Dasar. He was so enamoured of his wife's beautiful eyes, that he spent all his time admiring them. Ramanujacharya pointed to him the beauty of Lord Ranganatha's eyes. Nothing can equal the beauty of His lotus eyes, and once Pillai Urangavilli Dasar saw Ranganatha's eyes, he moved his adoration from his wife's eyes to the Lord's eyes. Instead of being an admirer of mortal eyes, he became the admirer of the Supreme One's eyes. The Lord's archa forms are all around us in temples. There will be no dearth of enjoyment, if we choose to enjoy His beauty. It is only a matter of questioning our priorities and turning in the right direction.

BEIJING

China's Defence Minister, Kissinger hold talks on Sino-U.S. relations

REUTERS

The U.S. should exercise sound strategic judgment in dealing with China, China's Defence Minister Li Shangfu said while meeting veteran U.S. diplomat Henry Kissinger in Beijing on Tuesday. "The U.S. and China should eliminate misunderstandings, coexist peacefully and avoid confrontation," Mr. Kissinger said. REUTERS

KINSHASA

DR Congo's state company signs $1.9-billion mining deal with UAE

AFP

The UAE signed a $1.9-billion deal with a state mining company in DR Congo to develop at least four mines in the African country's turbulent east, the Congolese presidency said. The new deal comes after the DRC signed a 25-year contract in December with UAE firm Primera Group over export rights for artisanally mined ores. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan gets another $600 mn loan from China, says PM Shehbaz

REUTERS

Cash-strapped Pakistan has received a rollover of an additional $600 million loan from its all-weather ally China to help shore up the country's foreign exchange reserves on the back of an IMF deal, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said. This is in addition to the over $5 billion in loans rolled out by Beijing in the last three months. AFP

TEL AVIV

Israelis throng train stations, block roads to protest judicial reforms

AP

Protesters crowded railway stations and blocked roads in the run-up to a Parliament vote on the Israeli government's judicial reform agenda. The proposals have triggered one of the biggest protest movements in Israel's history since being unveiled in January by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. AFP

Trump set to be indicted for bid to overturn poll results

Former U.S. President says he received letter stating he is a target of Justice Department's probe; he is also being separately investigated by Georgia for trying to reverse election law in State

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Career twilight: Donald Trump is the early frontrunner for the Republican nomination to the 2024 U.S. presidential polls. REUTERS

Former U.S. President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that he has received a letter informing him that he is a target of the Justice Department's investigation into efforts to undo the results of the 2020 presidential election, an indication that he could soon be indicted by federal prosecutors.

Mr. Trump made the claim in a post on his Truth Social platform, saying he received the target letter while with his family on Sunday night. Such a letter can precede an indictment and is used to advise individuals that prosecutors have evidence linking them to a crime; Mr. Trump received one ahead of being charged last month in a separate investigation into the mishandling of classified documents.

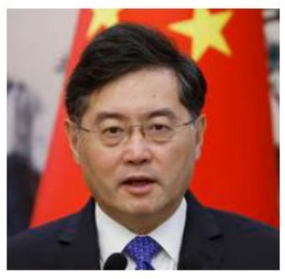
A spokesman for special counsel Jack Smith, whose office is leading the investigation, declined to comment.

Prosecutors have cast a broad net in their investigation into attempts by Mr. Trump and his allies to block the transfer of power to U.S. Democrat Joe Biden. Mr. Trump, who is currently the dominant early frontrunner for the Republican nomination, is scheduled to travel to Iowa on Tuesday, where he is taping a town hall with Fox News host Sean Hannity.

Prosecutors in Georgia are conducting a separate investigation into efforts by Mr. Trump to reverse his election law in that State, with the top prosecutor in Fulton County signalling that she expects to announce charging decisions in the first several weeks since Sunday.

Silence fuels speculation on China Foreign Minister Qin Gang's absence

Ananth Krishnan



Qin Gang

China's Foreign Minister Qin Gang's 23-day absence in public has triggered speculation both within China and abroad, and ignited a debate on Beijing's continuing policy of secrecy when it comes to the health and personal lives of leaders.

Official silence on the whereabouts of Mr. Qin, who last attended a meeting with his counterpart from Sri Lanka in Beijing on June 23, has become a hot topic on social media. The Chinese Foreign Ministry last week said in response to questions that Mr. Qin did not attend the East Asia Summit in Jakarta because of "health reasons". However, both the question and response were scrubbed from the Foreign Ministry's transcript of the day's press conference, only fuelling further speculation. Subsequent questions on Mr. Qin's health were not answered by official spokespersons, who said they had "no information" to provide.

Some within China have observed that opacity when it comes to top leaders only fuels speculation, and called for more transparency. Political rumours surrounding Mr. Qin are especially sensitive considering his proximity to President Xi Jinping. Mr. Qin, 57, was named as Foreign Minister in December. After having served as Mr. Xi's top protocol officer and previously as a ministry spokesperson, Mr. Qin was sent to Washington by Mr. Xi for his first ambassadorial posting – an unprecedented promotion in China's diplomatic history.

In early July, a visit to Beijing by EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell was cancelled. He was due to meet with Mr. Qin for talks. Mr. Qin's predecessor Wang Yi, who was promoted last year to the Politburo and head of the Central Foreign Affairs Commission, attended meetings in Jakarta in Mr. Qin's stead, including talks with India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

Apparently commenting on the speculation on Chinese Twitter-equivalent Weibo, former editor-in-chief of the Communist Party-run *Global Times* posted that "sometimes everyone is very concerned about a matter, but it cannot be discussed in the public opinion field."

"There will still be some matters that are sensitive or classified for a period of time, so it is not easy to discuss them publicly. This is understandable, but the duration of this situation should be as short as possible. In short, maintaining this environment needs to be balanced with respecting the public's right to know.....Such information disclosure will promote the improvement of official credibility."

U.S. soldier who crossed border held by N. Korea

Agence France-Presse
SEOUL

A U.S. soldier is believed to have been detained by North Korea after crossing the heavily fortified border – an incident likely to further aggravate Washington's troubled relations with the nuclear-armed state.

"A US national on a JSA orientation tour crossed, without authorisation, the Military Demarcation Line into the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)," the UN Command said, referring to the Joint Security Area and the border between the Koreas.

CBS News, citing US officials, reported that the soldier was a low-ranking member of the US Army who was being escorted home to the United States for disciplinary reasons, but somehow managed to leave the airport and join the tour group.

U.K.'s illegal migration Bill on its way to becoming law

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Rishi Sunak

In a victory for the Rishi Sunak government, the U.K. House of Lords passed the Illegal Migration Bill, a law that will make it the Home Secretary's "duty" to remove illegal migrants from the U.K. and significantly change existing protections for asylum seekers. By decreasing access to routes to asylum, the Bill seeks to deter illegal migration to the country – especially via small boats crossing the English Channel. The UN's refugee and human rights heads criticised the legislation.

The Bill was passed late on Monday night after successfully seeing off challenges from Conservative MPs and a cross-party group of peers (i.e., members of the House of Lords). Members of Parliament had overturned several suggestions from the House of Lords including a (shortened) time limit of three days on the detention of unaccompanied minors and prohibitions on sending LGBT migrants to 10 countries (mostly in Africa).

The new Bill would also permit the government to detain children for up to eight days.

Also defeated was a carve-out for victims of modern slavery and those trafficked ("unlawfully exploited"), a provision backed by former U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May and influential Tory MP Ian Duncan Smith.

Ms. May had introduced the Modern Slavery Act in 2015 when she was Home Secretary.

The U.K. government will hope that the Bill will bolster its attempts to stop illegal channel crossings. 'Stop the boats'– was one of Mr. Sunak's five declared priorities in January. Some 45% of asylum applications in 2022 were from those who crossed the English Channel to reach the U.K. A plan to remove refugees to Rwanda was declared illegal by the U.K. Court of Appeal, although the government plans to appeal the decision in the Supreme Court.

"For decades, the U.K. has provided refuge to those in need, in line with its international obligations. This new legislation significantly erodes the legal framework that has protected so many, exposing refugees to grave risks in breach of international law," UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi said on Tuesday.

The Bill will become law this week, after it obtains royal assent.

Russia targets Ukraine's port of Odesa, calls it a payback for strike on bridge to Crimea

Associated Press
KYIV

Ukraine said its forces shot down Russian drones and cruise missiles targeting the Black Sea port of Odesa before dawn on Tuesday in what Moscow called "retribution" for an attack that damaged a crucial bridge to the Crimean Peninsula.

The Russians first sought to wear down Ukraine's air defences by firing 25 exploding drones and then targeted Odesa with six Kalibr cruise missiles, the Ukrainian military's Southern Command said.

All six missiles and the drones were shot down by air defences in the Odesa region and other areas in the south, officials said, though their debris and shock waves damaged some port facilities and a few residential buildings and injured an elderly man at his home.

The Russian Defence Ministry said its "strike of retribution" was carried out with sea-launched precision weapons on Ukrainian military facilities near Odesa and Mykolaiv, a coastal city about 50 km to the northeast.

It destroyed facilities preparing "terror attacks" against Russia involving maritime drones, including a facility at a shipyard that was producing them, the Ministry said. It added that it also struck Ukrainian fuel depots near the two cities.

Russian President Vladimir Putin blamed Ukraine on Monday for striking the Kerch Bridge, which links Russia with Crimea and was attacked in October 2022 and needed months of repairs.

Meanwhile, the Russian Defense Ministry also said its forces had foiled a Ukrainian attack on Crimea using 28 drones.

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of **Shamima Khatoon**, Daughter of **MD Mainuddin @ Maizuddin,** of 39/H/10, Ekbalpore Lane, Kol-23, was found missing since on & before 29.03.23 from Sarkar Bagan, PO-Andul Mouri, PS-Sankrail, Howrah. Description Rolls of the Missing Subject: **Age**-23 years, **Height**-5', **Complexion**-Fair, **Built**-Medium. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, or contact to the Officer-In-Charge, Missing Person Squad, Detective Department, Lalbazar, Kolkata. (Contact No-9830321497/ 9674987239/9051203555

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Gati Shakti Unit, Chennai Division
E-Tender Notice No.
MAS 17/2023 Dated 11.07.2023
Item No: MAS17OF23034GS
Description: Redevelopment of Guduvancheri Railway Station of Chennai Division under AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME-PHASE-I
Date and Time of Tender Opening : 01.08.2023 @ 11.30 Hours
Complete details & Tender Document will be available at http://www.ireps.gov.in
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Date :14.07.2023
e TENDER CALL NOTICE
Name of the work : "Development of new rehabilitation plot with construction of box culvert & bituminous approach road near PPL main entry gate". Estimated cost : Rs.6,47,34,297.60. Last Date & time of submission : 04.08.2023 upto 17:00 Hrs. Refer our website for details: eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.
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29	Pharmacology	2 (1 UR; 1 SC)	--	1 UR	--
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31	Physiology	--	--	--	1 OBC
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33	Psychiatry	--	3 (2 UR; 1 OBC)	--	--
34	Pulmonary Medicine	--	1 UR	--	--
35	Radiation Oncology	1 OBC	2 (1 OBC; 1 EWS)	--	--
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INBRIEF

NMDC raises lump ore, fines prices by ₹1,050, ₹650 a tonne

NMDC has increased iron prices (per tonne) by ₹1,050 for lump ore and by ₹650 for the same quantity of fines. The price, inclusive of royalty, DMF, NMET and exclusive of cess, forest permit fee and other taxes, has been fixed at ₹4,950 for lump ore and ₹4,210 for fines from July 18, the company said. Previously, the prices were revised on May 29, and excluding royalty, DMF, NMET, cess, forest permit fee and other taxes, fixed at ₹3,900 and ₹3,560 respectively.

Ashok Soota's Happiest Minds raises ₹500 cr. through QIP

Happiest Minds Technologies, an IT firm founded by Ashok Soota, has announced the successful completion of its capital raise of ₹500 crore ($61 million) through a qualified institutional placement (QIP) of equity shares. The fund-raising committee of the board of directors approved the allotment of 54,11,255 equity shares of a face value of ₹2 to eligible investors at a price of ₹924 per equity share (including a premium of ₹922 per share), the company said in a statement.

Textiles ministry reopens PLI portal for MMF sector

The Ministry of Textiles has decided to reopen the performance-linked incentive (PLI) scheme portal till August 31 and invited applications from firms interested in investing in man-made fibre (MMF) apparel, MMF fabrics, and technical textiles. The Ministry said in a statement the decision was based on repeated requests from the industry and all the terms and conditions notified earlier would be applicable.

Monsoon's uneven march could fuel food inflation, caution economists

The southern peninsula, Deccan Plateau and eastern region continue to have below-normal rains; kharif sowing remains lower than last year for crops like rice and pulses, spurring increases in their prices, according to economics researchers

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Despite a wetter July so far lifting the overall rainfall above the long period average, the southern peninsula, Deccan Plateau and the eastern region continue to experience a below-normal monsoon and kharif sowing remains lower than last year for crops like rice and pulses, risking faster food price inflation.

By July 15, the overall sown area of kharif crops was 2% lower compared with the same time in 2022, with maize (-5.6%), rice (-6.1%) and pulses (-13.3%) being some of the major crops facing shortfalls in sowing this year. The widest fall was recorded in Arhar, with the area sown more than 38% lower than last year, Bank of Baroda's economics researchers observed in a note.

Worryingly, reservoir levels in the western and southern regions were also at lower marks than last year, even as there had been uneven distribution of rainfall, with parts of West and North India seeing excessive rainfall, while it was deficient in States like Bihar and Jharkhand.

With the Indian Meteorological Department signalling that parts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Punjab, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu may see less than normal rainfall this month, sowing of paddy and pulses could be further affected. These effects were already exacerbating food inflation, reckoned analysts at Motilal Oswal.

"Deficient rainfall, and consequently lower rice and pulses sowing, has pushed prices higher," the analysts noted. "July is a crucial period for sowing kharif crops as about 32% of monsoon precipitation typically occurs during this month," they added.

Sowing concern

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IndusInd Bank Q1 net rises 30% on higher NII

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

IndusInd Bank Ltd. reported first-quarter consolidated net profit grew 30% year-on-year (y-o-y) to ₹2,124 crore on account of an improvement in asset quality and increases in net interest income (NII) and core fee income.

NII for the quarter grew by 18% to ₹4,867 crore while core fee income rose by 19% to ₹2,119 crore.

Gross NPA stood at 1.94% (1.98%) and net NPA at 0.58% (0.59%).

Hindenburg tried to tarnish the group's image: Adani

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Gautam Adani on Tuesday asserted that the U.S.-based short seller Hindenburg Research's report on the group was a deliberate, malicious attempt at damaging the group's reputation and generate profit by driving down its stocks in the short term.

He further described the report as a mix of targeted misinformation and discredited allegations written by vested interests. Mr. Adani made these comments while addressing the Annual General Meeting of the group's firms in Ahmedabad.

Gautam Adani PTI

"The report was a combination of targeted misinformation and discredited allegations, the majority of them dating from 2004 to 2015," he said in his speech to shareholders.

After the damning report by the short seller that raised questions about the group's finances and accused it of accounting fraud, the group has repeatedly questioned the report's timing and motive.

In a 400-page rebuttal released in January, the group had sought to describe the report by Hindenburg Research as an "attack on India".

In his speech, Mr. Adani said the group had raised finances from the international markets, and added that no credit ratings agency internationally had cut any of the group companies' debt ratings.

Infra to drive FY24 cement output growth to 6-8%: Raja

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

India's cement production for the current financial year is expected to grow by 6-8% driven by infrastructure-led investment and mass residential projects, said Ramco Cements Ltd. MD P. R. Venketrama Raja.

"Going forward, there is enough optimism for the industry," he said in the latest annual report, adding cement production in FY23 was estimated to have grown by 7-8% to 380-390 million tonnes.

Start-up funding slid 70% in FY23, says Redseer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India's start-up ecosystem could attract only $15 billion in the financial year 2023 after a strong funding winter brought investments down by 70% compared with the $50 billion it received in the previous year, according to a report released by Redseer Consulting on Tuesday.

Increasing cost of capital and interest rates, recession in developed markets, a decline in the value of tech stocks, and the slowdown in consumer Internet growth have all been challenges for sustained funding, said Mohit Rana, Partner at Redseer.

Redseer analysis of 100 unicorns projected a substantial improvement in their profitability four years down the line.

Vistara to add more flights from Mumbai ahead of merger

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Notwithstanding the uncertainty over the continuance of the brand name after its merger with Air India by April 2024, Vistara, the joint venture of Tata Sons & Singapore Airlines (SIA), continues to scale up its operations, mostly from Mumbai.

"Mumbai will remain a focus of growth because we have added so much domestic capacity to help grow our international connections," said CEO Vinod Kannan.

"Today, we operate 12 international flights from Mumbai as compared with 7 from Delhi and more international flights will be added from Mumbai in the coming months," he added. He said Vistara, which currently has 54 daily domestic departures from Mumbai, will increase them to 67 from August.

Vinod Kannan

By the end of December 2023, Mumbai would have an equal number of domestic departures as Delhi, which currently has 78 daily domestic departures.

Vistara will add 10 more aircraft including three Boeing 787s by March 2024 to take the fleet size to 70 by the time of merger. And most of these aircraft will be deployed in the international sector including Europe, Mr. Kannan said.

Jewellery, gem exports may fall 10-15% in FY24: GJEPC

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India's gems and jewellery exports are likely to slide by 10 to 15% in the current financial year on account of slowing demand in key markets such as the U.S. and China, GJEPC Chairman Vipul Shah has said.

The gems and jewellery exports rose 2.48% year-on-year to ₹3,00,462.52 crore in FY23, according to the Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC).

Mr. Shah said the Commerce Ministry had set a target of $42 billion for the exports in 2023-24.

"The major contributing markets are the U.S. and China, the demand is slowing there. Rising interest cost, inflation and consumer confidence is also going down," he added.

AI says 40% of seats repaired, over 90% in-flight screens fixed since Tata takeover

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Crumbling seats, broken armrests, and dysfunctional seat-back entertainment screens on Air India's aircraft had often made the airline a subject of passenger ire. But a massive repair and revamp exercise has been afoot, under which 40% of seats across its wide-body and narrow-body planes have been repaired since the Tata takeover in January last year.

The airline has also committed more than $400 million for brand-new interiors for its entire legacy wide-body fleet comprising 27 Boeing 787-8s and 13 Boeing 777 aircraft and the first revamped aircraft will be ready by mid-2024.

"The job has started, but there is a lot of lead time," AI's Chief Technical Officer, Sisira Kanta Dash, said in an interview.

Engineering modifications to aircraft interiors are carried out only after obtaining approvals from Indian and foreign regulators as the refurbishment exercise can result in crucial changes to aircraft weight. Meanwhile, the airline is focused on repairing broken aircraft furniture.

"Say our seats are 12 years old. The manufacturer is not producing the same seats anymore, and neither are spares available. The only solution is to repair them. But many vendors are not available to repair because even spares are not available," explained Mr. Dash. So, the Tata Sons-owned airline is now seeking help from another group entity, Tata Technologies, for 3D printing of small spare parts to make seats serviceable.

He explained that, since January 2022, 40% seats on 141 aircraft had been repaired. He also claimed that 99% in-flight entertainment screens on business class and first class seats and 90% on economy seats had also been fixed. Re-carpeting of all planes, barring two wide-bodies, had also been achieved.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,795	0.31
US Dollar	82.04	-0.01
Gold	60,050	0.16
Brent oil	79.73	1.14

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2416.90	8.35
Adani Ports	728.15	-2.90
Apollo Hosp	5162.60	-56.70
Asian Paints	3513.45	53.05
Axis Bank	963.65	-1.20
Bajaj Auto	4860.60	27.45
Bajaj Finserv	1618.30	8.05
Bajaj Finance	7420.00	-90.95
Bharti Airtel	875.45	-2.65
BPCL	378.95	-2.80
Britannia Ind	5064.15	-79.30
Cipla	1030.80	-1.85
Coal India	228.25	-1.95
Divis Lab	3626.65	-36.25
Dr Reddys Lab	5191.00	-38.75
Eicher Motors	3349.25	-0.65
Grasim Ind	1775.05	-18.00
HCL Tech	1167.20	13.45
HDFC Bank	1677.50	-1.40
HDFC Life	656.55	-10.60
Hero MotoCorp	3116.40	24.80
Hindalco	444.50	-2.60
Hind Unilever	2682.80	1.10
ICICI Bank	975.45	6.75
IndusInd Bank	1390.25	-0.25
Infosys	1475.20	52.25
ITC	472.50	0.15
JSW Steel	790.90	-7.25
Kotak Bank	1890.85	-6.20
L&T	2474.70	5.90
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5001.15	-133.70
M&M	1534.70	-1.60
Maruti Suzuki	9665.65	-23.90
NestleIndia	22977.15	-93.60
NTPC	187.35	0.85
ONGC	166.90	0.50
PowerGrid Corp	241.15	0.15
Reliance Ind	2820.45	23.75
SBI Life	1314.55	0.05
State Bank	592.35	-8.75
Sun Pharma	1067.15	-10.45
TataConsumerProduct	858.70	6.10
Tata Motors	612.10	-6.40
Tata Steel	116.60	-1.15
TCS	3496.85	5.15
Tech Mahindra	1247.55	5.15
Titan	2996.45	-37.00
UltraTech Cement	8176.00	-75.00
UPL	639.95	-3.85
Wipro	417.20	1.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 18

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.83	82.15
Euro	92.08	92.44
British Pound	107.30	107.72
Japanese Yen (100)	59.20	59.43
Chinese Yuan	11.41	11.45
Swiss Franc	95.40	95.79
Singapore Dollar	61.94	62.19
Canadian Dollar	61.97	62.22
Malaysian Ringitt	18.01	18.09
Australian Dollar	55.76	55.98

Source:Indian Bank

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MENTAL GAME

Ashwin an expert at playing with the batter's mind, says Kumble

R. Ashwin recently secured his eighth 10-wicket match-haul, the joint-most for an Indian alongside Anil Kumble, in the first Test against West Indies at Dominica. "Ashwin has the ability to transfer pressure onto the batter which you could see in the body language of every batter that faced him," said former India Test captain Kumble.

PUNTER'S TAKE

Cummins is an old-fashioned Test captain, says Ponting

Ricky Ponting described Pat Cummins' captaincy as old-fashioned. "Pat (Cummins) sort of sets fields and lets plans sort of unravel and is happy to do it over a long period of time, whereas Stokes is sort of trying to make something happen every ball," said the former Australia captain.

IN FULL FLOW

Nat Sciver-Brunt's century propels England to 285 in third Ashes ODI

Nat Sciver-Brunt's 129 (149b, 15x4, 1x6) and her 147-run stand for the third wicket with skipper Heather Knight (67) piloted England to 285 for nine in 50 overs in the third ODI against Australia at Taunton. **The scores:** England 285/9 in 50 overs (Knight 67, Nat Sciver-Brunt 129, Wyatt 43, Gardner 3/39, Jonassen 3/30) vs Australia.

WELL AHEAD

Vingegaard pulls away from Pogacar, extends overall lead

Jonas Vingegaard soared to a crushing triumph on Stage 16 of the Tour de France at Combloux (France) on Tuesday, winning the 22.4km time trial by 1min 38s from Tadej Pogacar, who finished second. Jumbo Visma rider Vingegaard attacked from start to finish to win and extend his overall lead to 1m 48s over Team UAE's Pogacar.

Can Anderson spur England on in his Old Trafford home turf?

The hosts, trailing 1-2 in the series, look to bury memories of 2019 and stay in the hunt; Australia likely to have both Green, Marsh in the side; Hazlewood in for Boland; the Englishmen have won 13 of their last 16 Tests at the venue, losing just one

THE ASHES

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

James Anderson returns on his Old Trafford home ground to lead an ageing England attack in a must-win fourth Ashes Test.

It is the only change for Ben Stokes's men.

England has dropped Ollie Robinson, who suffered a back spasm as the hosts won the third Test by three wickets at Headingley.

Anderson managed just three wickets as England fell 0-2 behind. He is now, however, set to be the cornerstone of the oldest pace attack since the Australian line-up of 1928.

That was the last time either side deployed four seamers aged 33 or above, with Stuart Broad (37), Chris Woakes (34) and express quick Mark Wood (33) joining Anderson in England's seam-bowling quartet.

"I was always told that old was gold," the 36-year-old Moeen said on Monday. "But it's not just old, it's Jimmy, it's Broady, Woakesy, Woody –they're really good bowlers.

With Ollie Pope sidelined by a dislocated shoulder, Moeen finds himself in the key position of number three, with Joe Root preferring number four. Emerging talent Harry Brook made a decisive 75 at number five at Headingley.

Potent combination: England will hope that the amalgam of Wood's pace and Anderson's swing will give it the edge at Manchester. REUTERS

All-rounder issue

Australia is yet to name its XI as Pat Cummins bids to lead the World Test champion to its first Ashes series win in England since 2001.

Australia must decide if both all-rounders can play in the team. Josh Hazlewood is set to return after Scott Boland went wicketless at Headingley.

England has won 13 of its last 16 Tests at Old Trafford, losing just one.

The 2019 series serves as a warning to England. The euphoria of a victory at Headingley was followed by a loss at Old Trafford as Hazlewood took six wickets in the match.

"I'm hugely excited, I've got fond memories of the last time here in 2019 so it's good to be back," Hazlewood said.

"Obviously I sat the last game out, but I feel better for it. It was probably the right call. Now I can sit back and look at the big picture. I was desperate to play, but now it makes sense.

"Hopefully, after that little break, I'll come out firing again."

The teams:

England (playing XI): Ben Stokes (Capt.), Ben Duckett, Zak Crawley, Moeen Ali, Joe Root, Harry Brook, Jonny Bairstow, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood, Stuart Broad and James Anderson.

Australia (from): Pat Cummins (Capt.), Steve Smith (vice-capt.), Usman Khawaja, David Warner, Marnus Labuschagne, Travis Head, Cameron Green, Marcus Harris, Mitchell Marsh, Matthew Renshaw, Alex Carey (wk), Josh Inglis (wk), Mitchell Starc, Scott Boland, Josh Hazlewood, Nathan Lyon and Todd Murphy.

Match starts at 3.30 p.m. IST.

Indian batters need to pull up their socks

New dimension: Amanjot, centre, could don the role of finisher for the Women in Blue. PTI

INDIA IN BANGLADESH

Press Trust of India
MIRPUR

The struggling Indian batters will need to find a way to play on a slow surface as they face Bangladesh in the second women's ODI in a bid to avoid an embarrassing series defeat here on Wednesday.

Spinners, especially leggies, have troubled Indian batters throughout the Bangladesh tour and on Sunday they also found pacer Marufa Akter hard to negotiate as the fancied team suffered its first-ever loss to Bangladesh in ODIs.

Following that memorable victory and a win in the preceding final T20, Bangladesh now has the momentum and belief to script a famous series win over India.

India has a World Cup to play in Bangladesh next year and it needs to learn how to accumulate runs on pitches where the ball doesn't come on to the bat.

It has been a collective failure so far on the tour though India somehow managed to seal the T20 series.

Star batter Smriti Mandhana's performance has been a big disappointment and Priya Punia too, who replaced Shafali Verma for the ODI series opener, struggled on her comeback.

Both Yastika Bhatia and Jemimah Rodrigues have struggled to rotate the strike and that has put them under extra pressure. In the absence of Richa Ghosh, no one has stepped up for the finisher's role with the team struggling to find boundaries.

Amanjot Kaur, who bowled well on Sunday, has a good opportunity to make an impact with the bat as well and give India a much needed finishing option.

Bowling coach Rajib Datta, however, said there was no need to press the panic button. "There is no need to be disappointed. The team did not execute its plans the way it wanted to. It is a team in transition phase and trying combinations for the World Cup (next year)," he said.

India bowled 19 wides in the series opener and that should be a big area of concern.

Match starts at 9 a.m. (IST).

Shakeel's maiden double gives Pakistan healthy lead

Saud Shakeel. AFP

Agence France-Presse
GALLE

Saud Shakeel hit his maiden double century in Tests as Pakistan stretched its lead to a dominant 149 against Sri Lanka on day three of the rain-hit opening match on Tuesday.

Sri Lanka bowled out the tourists for 461 in the final session after a frustrating ninth-wicket stand of 94 between Shakeel, who remained unbeaten on 208, The hosts ended the day on 14 for no loss.

The scores: Sri Lanka 312 in 95.2 overs & 14/0 in 3.4 overs vs Pakistan 461 in 121.2 overs (Saud Shakeel 208 n.o., Salman Agha 83, Ramesh Mendis 5/136, Prabath Jayasuriya 3/145).

Windies bring in Sinclair in place of Reifer for second Test

Sinclair. AFP

Press Trust of India
PORT OF SPAIN

The West Indies has included spin bowling all-rounder Kevin Sinclair in place of batting all-rounder Raymon Reifer in the squad for the second Test against India beginning here on Thursday.

Sinclair, who has featured in seven ODIs and six T20Is, is yet to play a Test match.

Reifer, however, will remain with the team as an injury cover.

The squad: Kraigg Brathwaite (Capt.), Jermaine Blackwood (vice-capt.), Alick Athanaze, Tagenarine Chanderpaul, Rahkeem Cornwall, Joshua Da Silva (wk), Shannon Gabriel, Jason Holder, Alzarri Joseph, Kirk McKenzie, Kevin Sinclair, Kemar Roach, Jomel Warrican.

Sathiyan leads the way as Dabang proves too hot for Smashers

UTT

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

G. Sathiyan beat Kirill Gerassimenko in the opening match to set the tone for Dabang Delhi TTC as it registered its maiden win of the season over the Manika Batra-led Bengaluru Smashers in the Table Tennis Season 4 here on Tuesday. The latter suffered a second successive loss.

All four Dabang Delhi paddlers chipped in with vital contributions, resulting in a 10-5 victory after a loss against Goa Challengers with the same margin in its tournament-opener. The Smashers – with Pune-based owners getting a dhol-tasha band to cheer its players – succumbed to its second successive defeat.

Sathiyan, with his personal coach S. Raman present in the gallery, controlled the game against Kazakhstan's Gerassimenko, a familiar opponent, to win 2-1.

On top: Sathiyan controlled the game against Gerassimenko. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Delhi outfit's change of tactic, of fielding the in-form Ayhika Mukherjee in singles in place of Barbora Balazova, paid great dividends as Ayhika bamboozled Natalia Bajor with her flip of rubbers during points to precision.

Leading 4-2, Sathiyan and Barbora then conceded the mixed doubles to Manika – Sathiyan's partner on the international circuit and Gerassimenko.

Despite the Smashers narrowing down the gap to 5-4, Jon Persson then literally rolled over southpaw Sanil Shetty 3-0 to pocket the tie for Delhi. Sreeja Akula then edged past Manika in the battle of top two Indian female paddlers to end the tie on a high for Delhi.

Had Manika not missed a simple forehand top-spin at 10-9 in the second game, Sreeja would have found it difficult to pave her way back in the match. Sreeja targeted the flanks to perfection in the decider to run away with the game.

The results: Bengaluru Smashers lost to Dabang Delhi TTC 5-10 (Kirill Gerassimenko lost to G. Sathiyan 6-11, 11-4, 9-11; Natalia Bajor lost to Ayhika Mukherjee 7-11, 6-11, 11-7; Kirill & Manika Batra bt Sathiyan & Barbora Balazova 11-4, 11-9, 6-11; Sanil Shetty lost to Jon Persson 4-11, 7-11, 8-11; Manika Batra lost to Sreeja Akula 11-9, 10-11, 8-11).
Wednesday's fixture: Goa Challengers vs U Mumba TT (7.30 p.m.).

Satwik sets record for fastest badminton hit

Press Trust of India
SOKA (JAPAN)

India's R. Satwiksairaj set the Guinness World Record for the fastest hit by a male player in badminton, recording a mindboggling 565kmph with his smash.

Satwiksairaj, thus, broke the record set in May, 2013 by Malaysian Tan Boon Heong, who had produced speed of 493kmph with his smash.

The Indian's smash was faster than the top speed of 372.6kmph achieved by a Formula One car.

Malaysia's Tan Pearly set the Guinness World Record for the fastest female badminton hits with a remarkable speed of 438kmph.

"Yonex is proud to announce that Yonex badminton athletes, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Tan Pearly, have set new Guinness World Records title for the fastest male and female badminton hits," the Japanese sports equipment manufacturing company said in a release. "Since the previous Guinness World Records title for the fastest badminton hit was recorded in May 2013, this means that Satwiksairaj broke the record for the first time in more than a decade."

Supersonic: Satwiksairaj recorded a mind-boggling 565kmph with his smash. BADMINTON PHOTO

INBRIEF

Messi trains, watched by over 200 media representatives

Lionel Messi got down to business with his new Inter Miami teammates on Tuesday, taking part in his first full training session with the Major League Soccer club. Chatting with Venezuelan international Josef Martinez, likely to be his strike partner for Miami, Messi was watched by over 200 media representatives who had attended the session. Miami's training sessions had barely attracted double figure attendance from the media prior to Messi's arrival.

Smriti moves up to sixth; Harmanpreet drops to eighth

Star Indian batter Smriti Mandhana has climbed a spot to number six while her captain Harmanpreet Kaur dropped to the eighth spot in the latest ICC women's ODI rankings released on Wednesday. Left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Deepti Sharma are the lone Indians in the top 10 among bowlers and all-rounders respectively. Both have moved down a rung. While Gayakwad is ninth, all-rounder Deepti is seventh.

Victoria pulls out as 2026 Commonwealth Games host

Australia's Victoria state has withdrawn as host of the 2026 Commonwealth Games because of a massive increase in the projected cost of staging the event. Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews on Tuesday said his government last year agreed to host the next edition of the quadrennial event "but not at any cost". He said his government had initially budgeted 2.6 billion Australian dollars ($1.8 billion) to stage the Games in five regional cities but recent estimates put the potential cost at 7 billion Australian dollars ($4.8 billion).

BFC pens one-year deal with English striker Curtis Main

Bengaluru FC has signed English striker Curtis Main on a one-year deal, with an optional one-year extension, the club announced on Tuesday. Main, who most recently turned out for St. Mirren in the Scottish Premiership, began his youth career at Sunderland AFC, and is a product of the Darlington FC Academy. Born in South Shields, Main became the youngest player to represent Darlington when he came off the bench in a League Two encounter against Peterborough at 15 years and 318 days of age. Stints at Middlesborough, Doncaster Rovers and Portsmouth followed. Main is BFC's second foreign signing of the window, after Montenegrin center-back Slavko Damjanovic.

Roy Krishna signs one-year contract with Odisha FC

ISL side Odisha FC completed the signing of Fijian striker Roy Krishna on a one-year contract, the club announced on Monday. The 35-year-old is currently the fourth-highest scorer in ISL with 42 goals in 82 games. He has also registered 23 assists so far. The Fijian International striker is fresh off his victorious Durand Cup campaign last season with Bengaluru FC.

Sindhu's ranking slumps to 17, lowest in over a decade

P.V Sindhu slipped five places to No. 17, her lowest in over a decade, in the latest BWF world rankings on Tuesday. Sindhu has struggled ever since returning from a five-month long injury layoff, resulting in a title-less streak this season. She now has 49,480 points from 14 tournaments.

LIVE TELECAST

Sri Lanka vs Pakistan: 1st Test, day 4, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.30 a.m.

Men's Emerging Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), Star Sports 3 & FanCode, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

The Ashes: 4th Test, day 1, Sony Sports Ten 5 & LIV, 3.30 p.m.

UTT: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema, 7 p.m.

Aditi logs fifth top-10 finish of the season on the LPGA

It was a superb effort from the Indian, who had 13 birdies and an eagle and just one bogey and one double the entire week, indicating a lot of consistency; Linn triumphs

GOLF

Press Trust of India
SYLVANIA (USA)

Aditi Ashok carded a fine two-under 69 in the final round of the Dana Open to add yet another top-10 finish to her tally in a season that has been going great guns for the Indian golfer.

Unable to find a birdie in the first 10 holes of the final round, which had one bogey on the second, Aditi gathered birdies on the 11th, 16th and 18th holes and rose to tied-seventh for her fifth top-10 finish of the season so far.

Though she missed only two of the 14 fairway, Aditi managed only 12 of the 18 greens in regulation, yet she was superb with 28 putts for the round for a card of 69 that gave her a total of 12-under for the four rounds.

It was a superb week for Aditi, who is still some way off her best. She had 13 birdies and an eagle and just one bogey and one double the entire week, indicating a lot of consistency.

She was, however, not able to show the same consistency at the Majors so far, but will have a chance to make up at the Evian and the Open.

Aditi is currently ranked 22nd on the Race to CME Globe, the Order of Merit for LPGA. Sweden's Linn Grant, who was in the running for a sub-60 round, won her first LPGA title.

Great going: Aditi had birdies on the 11th, 16th and 18th holes and rose to the tied-seventh spot. AFP

Late charge

She handled a charge from US Women's Open champion Allisen Corpuz and closed with a three-under 68 for a three-shot victory.

The 24-year-old Linn has five victories on the Ladies European Tour – including a historic nine-shot win last year against a field of men and women in the Scandinavian Mixed.

Lindy Duncan also closed with a 65 and was alone in third, six shots back.

Shoot-off denies skeet gold for Raiza

SHOOTING

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Raiza Dhillon missed the gold in the women's skeet final shoot-off after being tied on 51 hits with Miroslava Hockova of Slovakia in the Junior World Championship in Changwon, Korea, on Tuesday.

It was the second World Championship medal for Raiza after her team gold last year.

There was a gold medal for India through the air rifle trio of Abhinav Shaw, Dhanush Srikanth and Parth Mane.

India was second on the medals table with four gold, three silver and three bronze. China was ahead by two additional silver medals.

The results:

10m air rifle: Junior men: 1. Romain Aufrere (Fra) 251.2 (627.7); 2. Wang Honghao (Chn) 251.0 (628.6); 3. Umamahesh Maddineni 229.0 (627.9); 4. Abhinav Shaw 207.2 (631.4); 6. Dhanush Srikanth 164.9 (629.9); 17. Parth Mane 625.4; 20. Srinjoy Datta 624.9; 38. Sheersh Kashyap 620.4. **Team:** 1. India (Abhinav Shaw, Dhanush Srikanth, Parth Mane) 1886.7; 2. China 1883.5; 3. Korea 1873.9.

Raiza.

Junior women: 1. Synnoeve Berg (Nor) 251.8 (631.9); 2. Wang Zifei (Chn) 251.3 (632.6); 3. Jiao Ruoxuan (Chn) 229.7 (632.9); 7. Sonam Maskar 144.8 (630.6); 11. Gautami Bhanot 630.6; 18. Isha Taksale 628.4; 36. Hazel 625.8; 37. Swati Chowdhury 625.6; 83. Devanshi Katara 616.0. **Team:** 1. China 1892.0 (WRJ); 2. India (Sonam Maskar, Gautami Bhanot, Swati Chowdhury) 1886.8; 3. Norway 1883.8.

Skeet: Junior men: 1. Benjamin Keller (USA) 54 (7) 123; 2. Kontopoulos Markos (Cyp) 54 (5) 118; 2. Andrea Galardini (Ita) 42 (122); 5. Harmehar Singh Lally 24 (119); 12. Bhavtegh Gill 115; 13. Munek Battula 1155; 32. Ritu Raj Bundela 107; 39. Gurfatesh Sandhu 99.

Team: 1. Italy 350; 2. USA 349; 3. Cyprus 348; 5. India 341.

Junior women: 1. Miroslava Hockova (Svk) 51 (2) 116; 2. Raiza Dhillon 51(1) 110; 3. Alisha Layne (USA) 41 (114); 20. Sanjana Sood 104; 25. Muffaddal Deesawala 97.

Team: 1. Slovakia 330; 2. Italy 328; 3. USA 327; 6. India 311.

Germany proves too good for Indian women

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
WIESBADEN (GERMANY)

Vaishnavi Phalke (29th) was the lone scorer for India, while Nike Lorenz (sixth and 59th) and Jette Fleschütz (14th and 43rd) scored a brace each for the host

Germany women defeated India 4-1 in the first of the two hockey matches here on Tuesday. Vaishnavi Phalke (29th minute) was the lone scorer for India, while Nike Lorenz (sixth and 59th) and Jette Fleschütz (14th and 43rd) scored a brace each for the host.

Germany began on an attacking note, putting India on the backfoot, and scored back-to-back goals in the first quarter.

The opener came through Nike Lorenz's well-executed penalty corner while the second goal came off a penalty stroke by Jette.

In the second quarter, India displayed a well-structured game.

While not allowing in any goal, India converted a penalty corner in the 29th minute through Vaishnavi.

After half-time, an infringement by the Indian defence while halting the German attack inside the circle saw it concede a penalty corner.

Jette made no mistake to help her team extend the lead to 3-1.

Lorenz added one more in the dying minutes of the game.

Both teams will meet again on Wednesday.

Bajrang and Vinesh picked for Asian Games

WRESTLING

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA)-appointed ad-hoc committee on Tuesday exempted Olympic and World championships medallist Bajrang Punia and Worlds medallist Vinesh Phogat from the selection trials and picked them directly for the Hangzhou Asian Games. The trials are scheduled to be held in Delhi over the weekend.

The Olympic Council of Asia, acting on a request from the IOA to extend the deadline for sending wrestling entries in order to give additional time to the six protesting wrestlers, had moved the cut-off date from July 15 to 23.

After days of brainstorming, the ad-hoc panel – which had earlier advocated a two-phased trial necessitating the protesting wrestlers to battle with the winners of their respective weight classes and invited backlash – finally came out with the selection criteria. As per the directive issued by ad-hoc committee member Bhupinder Singh Bajwa, trials will be held in six weight categories each in men's freestyle, Greco Roman and women's weight classes.

Direct berth: The IOA-appointed ad-hoc committee has exempted Bajrang and Vinesh from the trials. FILE PHOTO: SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

It is learnt that the ad-hoc body, going by a 2017 Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) regulation, selected Bajrang (65kg) and Vinesh (53kg), who last competed in the Belgrade World championships and bagged bronze medals in September last year. "But the trials will be held for these weight categories and the selected wrestlers will be kept on stand-by," said the directive issued by the ad-hoc body.

In all other weights, the winners will be selected for the Asian Games while the second-placed athlete will be on stand-by.

The WFI regulation for the Asian Games reads: "The trials in all weight categories are mandatory, (sic) however, the selection committee will have the discretion to select the iconic players like medallists of Olympic/World Championship without trials provided there's a recommendation by chief coach/foreign expert."

It was not clear whether the ad-hoc panel consulted the respective chief coaches while giving exemption to Bajrang and Vinesh.

Olympic silver medallist Ravi Dahiya (57kg) was not given exemption as he was injured in a recent event.

Brinkmanship again, but India hold all the cards ahead of the 50-over World Cup

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

If all art is propaganda, as George Orwell maintained, then all sport is politics. You cannot divorce a country's sport from its politics. One affects the other however often we mouth platitudes about not mixing the two. Sport and politics are not like oil and water; sport dissolves in politics easily and often.

Sometimes this relationship can be a force for good, as when sporting boycotts played a role in hastening the end of South Africa's apartheid rule. Sometimes it is a stage for hardened political rivalries to explode, an extreme case being the killing of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games by the Palestinian Black September group.

To say that sport and politics should not mix is naive, and fails to acknowledge that often sport is politics by other means.

The brinkmanship that precedes any India-Pakistan engagement on the cricket field has begun. The publicity and platform, that it provides can is an irresistible draw for politicians and other mischief makers who like to keep the kettle boiling. Any peaceful resolution to the complex issues involved is makes the hawks on either side irrelevant. Political issues cannot be resolved on the cricket field; cricket tours have necessarily to be sorted out in Cabinet meetings. Cricket is unfairly asked to carry the burden of unresolved relations.

The sport cannot be dismissed as being too trivial in the grander scheme of things and thus left alone to exist untroubled; neither can we pretend that what happens on or around the field of play will not have repercussions elsewhere. Caught between apparent triviality and undeniable significance, it remains a plaything of governments.

India and Pakistan played the South Asian Federation Football Tournament in India recently, and it was all about football, not a proxy for war. They have met on other sports fields too – playing baseball, hockey, kabaddi and chess and bridge – without the tension and potential for violence that cricket seems to generate.

Pakistan are hosts of the Asia Cup (Aug. 31 to Sept. 17) while the 50-over World Cup is in India (Oct. 5 to Nov. 19). A 'hybrid' solution (proposed by Pakistan) by which India play nine matches in Sri Lanka while Pakistan play four in their country has probably saved the Asia Cup. This despite their Minister-in-charge of sports Ehsaan Mazari's recent statement that if India do not travel to Pakistan for the Asia Cup, Pakistan will keep away from the World Cup.

It sounds impressive, even threatening, but the fact is, India hold all the cards. They can afford to ignore Pakistan's bluster (Mazari took care to say that this was his personal opinion; the Pakistan Cricket Board can distance itself from the claim) because Pakistan cricket needs India more than the other way around. The India-Pakistan television audience might be the largest for a single cricket match. Mazari is part of the committee constituted by the Prime Minister to make recommendation on the World Cup participation.

The next two Champions Trophy tournaments are in India (2025) and Pakistan (2029) respectively; the 'hybrid' format will probably be well established by then. A stadium audience, is after all, only a tiny percentage of the television audience, which is what funds the game. A bilateral series is not in the Future Tours Programme till 2031. By then Virat Kohli will be 43, Babar Azam 37, and two of the finest contemporary batters might have ended their careers without playing a Test against each other.

India and Pakistan are two countries separated by a common culture, common languages, and common interest in cricket. Cricket series between the two have, in recent decades, fuelled rather than eased tensions between them. Multi-nation tournaments, however, have generally been played without incident. Yet unforgiving fans exist on either side, convinced that there is nothing worse in the game than losing to the other.

Three months – the time till the World Cup – is a long time in politics, yet with their match scheduled for India's showcase stadium in Ahmedabad, a Pakistan withdrawal is unlikely, especially since it will mean losing a big chunk in International Cricket Council fines and television revenue. Economics, as so often happens, is likely to triumph politics.

Satwik & Chirag cruise into the second round

KOREA OPEN

Press Trust of India
YEOSU

The Indian men's doubles pair of R. Satwiksairaj and Chirag Shetty stormed into the second round of the Korea Open Super 500 badminton tournament with a straight-game victory over the Thailand duo of Supak Jomkoh and Kittinupong Kedren here on Tuesday.

The World No. 3 pair won 21-16, 21-14 in the round-of-32 clash and set up a meeting with China's He Ji Ting and Zhou Hao Dong.

The World No. 27 pair of M.R. Arjun and Dhruv Kapila, however, couldn't complete their match after the former suffered from a back issue and retired midway in the opening game while trailing 5-6 against eighth seeds Liu Yu Chen and Ou Xuan Yi of China in the opening round.